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COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSIONS.

PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS.

WE have just passed through the Week of Prayer. It is an annual feast. All Christendom in prayer for the conversion of the world! We have also the "*Monthly Concert of Prayer for the Conversion of the World.*" In its terms this "concert of Prayer" embraces "Home Missions" as well as "Foreign Missions;" but too often, in practice, "Home Missions" are forgotten. We have in many churches also a "Sabbath-school Concert"—a monthly meeting devoted to prayer for the conversion of the children and youths in our Sabbath-Schools. And we are soon to have a "Day of Prayer for Colleges and other institutions of learning."

But there is no special day or occasion for prayer for Home Missions. We do not ask for the appointment of such a day—but we do plead for more prayer. Let prayer be offered for Home Missions daily at the family altar—more frequently in the sacred desk—and always at the monthly concert.

We do not bespeak the prayers of the Church for the Home Missionary, because he is an object of charity or of pity for his peculiar sufferings. He does not suffer more than his parishioners who have gone to the frontier to provide homes for their families. His wife endures no more hardship and suffers no more privations in leaving her home and friends in the East than the wives of many other men that go to the West.

But he needs our prayers ;

1. *Because his work cannot succeed without the blessing of God.*

We pray for the Missionary among the heathen because we know all his efforts will avail nothing without the Spirit's influence. But it is equally true of the Home Missionary. His sole aim is to *save* men. He may indeed have no heathens within his reach; but well-disposed, courteous and intelligent men. But not one of them will be saved unless God interpose.

The Home Missionary is as dependent on divine assistance as the foreign missionary.

2. *Because his work is difficult.*

He begins with heterogeneous materials. The members of his church and congregation are strangers to each other. Their previous habits and modes of worship were different—their preferences are diverse. They have as yet no precedents—no established rules or modes of procedure. His hearers are mostly young and inexperienced. They shrink from the work which they have been accustomed to see their fathers perform. The best men are often the modest men—and the least modest are sometimes also the least wise. The missionary has all this material to unify and mould and wield. He has to shape the organism in all its parts, make a place for every one, and without seeming to do it, put every one in his place. This work is often most delicate and difficult.

3. *Because, Foundation work is often unappreciated.*

The foundations of the pyramids were laid under ground. One million and a half of dollars have been expended on a certain public building in one of our large cities, and the structure has not yet reached the surface of the ground. The Home Missionary is laying foundations. To change the figure he is now sowing the seed: the harvest will appear in due time.

A traveller from the East chances to spend a Sabbath in the West. In the morning he looks for the house of God. He finds only an unpretending chapel without a steeple or a bell. He enters and finds the congregation small, the Sabbath-school small. Perhaps there is as yet no organ—no hired singers. But he is pleased with the young preacher—he enjoys the sermon. At the close of the service he introduces himself, tells the young man he is hiding his “light under a bushel,” burying “his talent,” “*throwing himself away.*” As he warms with the theme, he offers his assistance to procure a call for the preacher from some large and wealthy church at the East, where his hearers and salary shall be made ten-fold what they now are. At length he returns home, and reports that the missionary churches are “small affairs.” Poor man! He forgets that the stately edifice in which he is accustomed to worship, and where he comes around the communion table with hundreds of others had just such feeble beginnings, was once an equally “small affair,” and that if some one had not laid the foundations well, the superstructure would never have appeared. The Home Missionary is reproducing in the West all that is valuable in the East, *with improvements.*

4. *Because, the missionary is in danger of losing his enthusiasm and “tone.”*

When a portion of an army has met with heavy losses in hard and unsuccessful labors, the soldiers lose heart and hope, and become, as it is called, “demoralized.” They are then sometimes reorganized, put under more skilful leaders and into a more successful corps, and their courage and enthusiasm are thereby restored.

So it is possible for a missionary to lose enthusiasm in his profession. He may become secularized, his salary is small, the spirit of speculation is rife,

why should he not buy a farm as well as his neighbors. His labors are very miscellaneous, his field is wide, he can find but little time for study; books are costly and frequently not at hand. He finds no "clerical association," in which every Saturday evening or Monday morning, he can compare notes on sermons just written or delivered, books lately read, or topics of interest to the Church or her ministry. Hence he is in danger of losing his freshness of thought, his mental acumen, his *esprit du corps*, and his high appreciation for his calling and love for his work. As he has less aid from others, so much more does he need divine assistance. Let us pray for him more; for his comfort, usefulness and success may be more dependent on our prayers than we have ever thought. And the knowledge of our sympathy and our prayers may cheer him in days of darkness and carry him triumphantly through his greatest difficulties.

"THE HILL COUNTRY."

A large section of country between the Missouri River and the Pacific Ocean, on our old maps, was marked as "unexplored regions" or the "Great American Desert;" and the impression made on many was that it was a vast, rainless, sandy plain like the Desert of Sahara. But now, that the country has been crossed by many emigrants, and is traversed by the Pacific Railway, enthusiastic tourists and interested speculators represent the country as capable of sustaining an immense population, citing, for example, the great productiveness of the Salt Lake Valley and the prosperity of the Mormons. The truth lies in the happy mean.

Parts, or the whole, of Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Washington Territory, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado and New-Mexico—more than one-third of the whole domain of the United States is a mountainous region. Between the Rocky Mountains on the East, and the Sierra Nevada on the West is a vast, high plain, 1000 miles across, traversed by lateral and transverse ranges of lower mountains, spurs or branches of the higher ranges just named. These mountains catch the clouds flying East or West, precipitate their moisture mostly in the form of snow on their cold and stormy heights, and leave a very diminished rain-fall for the valleys. The melting snows furnish streams that run down into the valleys all summer and supply the waters of the Platte, Arkansas, the Rio del Norte, the Colorado, the Missouri, the Sacramento and the San Joaquin rivers. The valleys where irrigation is feasible, and the Salt Lake valley is one of the largest and best, will yield abundant crops. But these valleys are but a small portion of this great section of country. Hundreds of thousands of square miles can never come under cultivation but must be left in their native mountain state.

But these mountains are doubtless full of valuable ores. There is no reason to suppose that one hundred gold and silver mines may not yet be opened for every one there is now. These mines will continue to draw a great population to these rugged regions, whose wants will stimulate to their highest development every fertile valley that is capable of cultivation.

But the mountains themselves are likely to prove the *great pasture grounds* of the continent, to supply herds and flocks for the sustenance of the many cities on the Atlantic and Pacific slopes. From Abilene, Kansas, on the borders of Colorado and the great Buffalo range, cattle trains are made up for the Eastern market. To our surprise we learn that cattle support themselves on the mountain grasses throughout the winter without human care. Their number is rapidly increasing in Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana. A letter from the Pacific Railroad between the "Black Hills" on the East, and snow-capped mountains on the West, speaks of the "grassy plain" "7000 feet above the level of the sea," the old "range" of countless buffaloes. But "now," says the writer, "in our immediate vicinity there are no less than 50,000 head of cattle and almost innumerable flocks of sheep." Moreover, he adds, that in the mountains is an abundance of game; elks, buffaloes, bears, wolves, and antelopes. But these wild beasts must give place. Who knows but men will yet own on the Rocky Mountains herds of cattle and flocks of sheep as large as did the patriarchs, and herdsmen, and shepherds, become there as dignified and distinct a class as they were in Palestine of Old? And we may yet see a civilization there like what we read of in the Old Testament, towns, and schools, and churches in the quiet and fertile valleys; while sheep, and goats, and cattle, and horses may take a wide range over the more rugged portions and climb up the grassy mountain sides to find pasture. Where myriads of buffaloes and wild savages have roamed at will it is not too much to expect that civilized people will at length establish and carry on a prosperous and lucrative trade in providing distant markets with meat.

Even in the most northern latitudes of our public domain, as we approach the Pacific, the temperature is made perfectly delightful by the influence of the ocean. Says a minister writing of "winter in and near Puget Sound:" "I have seen two Decembers here. On the Atlantic side I have seen more disagreeable weather in a single week than in both these months." Speaking of the winter as a whole he says:—

I never saw more charming winter weather, but it did not last long. A variety of flowers bloomed in the gardens till after the first of January, and before the close the frosts had come and gone, and the flowers are beginning to bloom again. February is the month for "making garden," and many a one is now undergoing the process. Leaf-buds are visibly swelling, and peach blossoms, and perhaps pear and plum, will load the air with fragrance before the end of this month.

We propose to show in some future number of this magazine, that we are endeavoring to take possession of available, strategic points, where we mean to establish ourselves so that we can strike out in every direction as necessity demands, and the valleys and mountain plains become filled with people.

OUR RULES.

Dear Brethren,—I would hereby attest to you my sincere satisfaction and gratification because of the "rules" you have adopted and the "starting

right" remarks in January "Presbyterian Monthly Record." To my mind they have the right ring.

It is the only way justice can be meted out to those in your service, to

prevent imposition upon the Board, and secure fair treatment to all our missionaries.

The requirements will, also, have a wholesome effect upon our Presbyteries, in compelling more knowledge of the fields under their care, the peculiarities and wants of each, and a more equitable use of the funds of our people given to this cause. Much more encouragement will result to those who are faithful, and less temptation to those who are not. None of us are unhelped by such stimulants to fidelity as these regulations ask for. Yours fraternally, T. B.

REPORT FROM KANSAS.

ATCHISON, KANSAS, January 4, 1871.

Dear Brethren,—I was compelled to delay my report to you for the last quarter of A.D. 1870, by a severe attack of fever. Except the two Sabbaths I was confined, the regular services of the church have been kept up with increasing interest. Our communion takes

place on the next Sabbath, with an accession of twelve now acted upon by session.

When I came here two years ago, the membership was fifty-one, and now it is one hundred and thirty, and the congregation has increased about six-fold. For this all thanks to the great Head of the Church, for such a blessing upon means so limited.

We then had a debt of \$1500, which has been paid, although we have incurred another \$600 in purchasing the block in which our hall of worship is located.

We are hardly able to sustain ourselves without further aid from the Board; but in view of the enlarging fields and the exigencies that divert so much from the Board I have urged upon the session to start out as a self-sustaining church. We must grasp a little stronger the Master's hand and He will raise us up.

Last year we had no blanks in the report, and we intend to have none this year.

THE Presbyterian Board of Home Missions received in the months of November and December, 1870, \$73,590.38, which is less by \$27,387.41 than the two Boards received during the same time the previous year.

RECEIPTS FOR HOME MISSIONS IN DECEMBER, 1870.

<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Sharpsburg ch 40 58; Leetsdale ch 57 47; Fairmount ch 8; Manchester ch 49; Providence ch 25	\$180 05	Jefferson Summit ch 6 02; Portersville ch 5 50; Zelenople ch 8 15	101 67
<i>Pby of Alton</i> —St John Ger ch 5 50, of which Sab-sch 1 50	5 50	<i>Pby of Buffalo</i> —Calvary ch, Buffalo 150; Lancaster ch 50; Westminster ch, Buffalo 186 35; Breckenridge St ch, Buffalo 14 75	401 10
<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Maryfield Central ch 5; Greenbush 1st ch 20; Hamilton Union ch 8; Maria-ville ch, add'l, 10	43 00	<i>Pby of Brooklyn</i> —Ainslie St ch, Brooklyn, mon coll 4 64; Central ch, Brooklyn 75; Siloam ch, Brooklyn 14 55; La Fayette Ave ch, Brooklyn, add'l, 249; Throop Ave ch 24 25	367 44
<i>Pby of Athens</i> —Gallipolis 1st ch 20; Nelsonville ch 7	27 00	<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Pontiac 1st ch 28; Waynesville ch 12; Chatsworth ch 10; Clinton ch 79 25	129 25
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Chestnut Grove ch 25; West-minster ch, Baltimore, a member for Novem-ber 6, W R Woodworth 5 = 11 00; Cumberland ch 80 76; Frankville ch 5; Frostburg ch 3 50; Elkton ch 35 00; Hancock ch 10; Williamsport ch 70, of which Sab sch 20; Baltimore 2d ch, in part 50	290 26	<i>Pby of Boston</i> —Bedford ch 56 35, Newburyport 1st ch 20	76 35
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Parnassus ch 78; Congruity ch 31; New Salem ch 83 15; Ebensburg ch 25	217 15	<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Dauphin ch 21; New Bloomfield ch 12 25; Greencastle ch 54; Carlisle 2d ch 237 52; Shippensburg ch 67 31	392 08
<i>Pby of Bellefontaine</i> —Spring Hills ch 10 35; Ur-bana 1st ch 68; Huntsville ch 9; West Liberty ch 9 61	96 96	<i>Ply of Columbia</i> —Canaan Centre ch	36 40
<i>Pby of Butler</i> —Middlesex ch 20; Butler ch 62;		<i>Pby of Chester</i> —West Nantmeal ch 14; New Lon-don ch 128, of which, M N C 10, and Session House Sab-sch 8 81; Upper Octarora ch 145 31, of which Highland Sab-sch 5 62; Forks of Brandywine ch 45; West Chester ch 109 21; Upper West Nottingham ch 15	456 52
		<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —New Market ch 11 36; Fall Creek ch, add'l, 11 16; Bloomington ch 36 67;	

- Buck Creek ch 29; North Fork ch 45 75; Washington ch 22 155 94
- Pby of Chippewa*—Hixton ch 6; Chippewa Falls ch, from Miss Laura Allen 30; North Bend ch 10; Prescott 1st ch 17 43; Neshanoek ch 25 83 43
- Pby of Cincinnati*—Springdale ch 39 92; Reading and Lockland chs 32; Loveland ch 24 14; Orchard St ch, Cincinnati 23 32; Cincinnati 6th ch 13 132 38
- Pby of Champlain*—Fort Covington ch 104 75; Plattsburg 1st ch 34 50; Chazy ch 15 154 25
- Pby of Crawfordsville*—Sugar Creek ch 4 30; Union ch 3 50; Spencer and Vandalia chs 13; Centre ch, Crawfordsville 50; Bethel ch 4 82; Dover ch 5 72; Wea ch 13 36 94 70
- Pby of Cayuga*—Jordan ch 13 80, of which Rev C M Perry 5 00; Genoa 1st ch 41 54 80
- Pby of Columbus*—Lithopolis ch 14 45; Circleville 1st ch, from Mrs L Olds 10; Amanda ch 5 29 45
- Pby of Chicago*—Chicago 1st ch, in part 528 65; Linn and Hebron ch, add'l, 6; Chicago 2d ch 263 65; Olivet ch 50; Zion Ger ch 10; Will ch 15; Rev J Covert 50; Reunion ch, Chicago 10 48; Lake Forest ch, mon coll 50; Harvard ch 5; Eighth St ch, Chicago, mon coll 8 52 997 30
- Pby of Cairo*—Union ch 6; Pickneyville ch 3; Galum ch 3 30; Flora ch 15; Wakefield ch 5; Carmi ch 16 25; Sharon ch 2 10; Enfield ch 4 15 54 80
- Pby of Cedar Rapids*—Marshalltown ch 30; Central ch 8; Scotch Grove 12; Bethel ch 5 55 00
- Pby of Clarion*—Perry ch 14; Greenville ch 13; Callensburg ch 28 50; Concord ch 11 70 67 20
- Pby of Cleveland*—Cleveland 2d ch 900 36; Cleveland 1st ch, in part, 671 95; Springfield ch 5 60; Euclid St ch, Cleveland 440 07 2017 98
- Pby of Colwater*—Quincy ch 35 00
- Pby of Cortland*—Freetown ch 10 00
- Pby of Catawba*—Davidson's River ch 6 60
- Pby of Chemung*—Elmira 1st ch 397 93, of which Sab-schs 20 397 93
- Pby of Dubuque*—Potosi ch 5; Epworth ch 6, of which Sab-sch 3; Pleasant Grove ch 5; Sherrel's Mound 8; Hopkinton ch 8; Masonville ch and Stations 25; Grundy Centre ch 15; Jessup ch 10 82 00
- Pby of Detroit*—S Lyon ch 32; Ypsilanti ch, add'l, 100; Wing Lake ch 9 05; Smithfield ch 9; Springfield ch 16 30; Independence ch 16 05 182 40
- Pby of Dayton*—New Jersey ch 16 20; Camden ch 5 25; Paris ch 5 30; Troy 1st ch 95 30; Oxford ch 56 90; Monroe ch 15; Dayton 3d ch, 91 35, of which Sab-sch 30 (memorial); Miami City 1st ch 100; Dick's Creek ch 19 404 30
- Pby of Des Moines*—Chariton ch 21 00
- Pby of Ebenezer*—Ashland 1st ch 46; Flemingsburg ch 13; Rev H P Thompson 5 64 00
- Pby of Erie*—Cool Spring ch 14; North-East ch 47; Park ch, Erie 77; Belle Valley ch 9 23; Plattsburg ch 15; Meadville ch 85; Mercer 2d ch 30 20; Petroleum Centre ch 121 26; Tidouthe ch 28 426 69
- Pby of Elizabeth*—Clinton ch 105 08, of which Sab-sch 12 77 and Ladies' Sew Soc'y 40; Plainfield 2d ch 218 60; Elizabeth 2d ch 121 86; Cranford 1st ch 21 43; Pluckamin ch 50; Roselle ch 60; Baskingridge ch 112, of which 15 each from Baskingridge and Franklin Sab-schs; Lamington ch 102; Elizabeth 3d ch 132; Perth Amboy ch 109 1031 97
- Pby of Freeport*—Middle Creek ch 31, of which Sab-sch 11 60; Queen Ann Ger ch, add'l, 4 01; Fulton ch 16 80; Woodstock ch 10 50; Belvidere ch 76; Freeport 3d ch 123 75; Willow Creek ch 42 60 304 66
- Pby of Fort Dodge*—Jefferson ch 12 10
- Pby of Fort Wayne*—Eel River ch 4 00
- Pby of Geneva*—Oak's Corner ch 10; Benton ch 32 42 00
- Pby of Genesee*—Wyoming ch 30 10
- Pby of Hudson*—Hamptonburgh ch 63 51; Florida 1st ch 39; Mt Hope ch 34; Goshen ch Sab-sch (District No 19) 20 156 51
- Pby of Huntington*—Upper Tuscarora ch 39 66; Clearfield ch 40; Birmingham ch 122 66; West Kishacoquillas ch 120; Saxton and Yellow Creek chs 26; Curwensville ch 44 90; Sinking Valley ch 87 09; Phillipsburg ch 4 52; Kyler-town ch 3 75; Bradford ch 2 17; Huntingdon ch 180 670 75
- Pby of Highland*—Highland ch 6 10
- Pby of Huron*—Fremont ch 53 38; Sandusky ch 34 87 38
- Pby of Holston*—Rogersville 2d ch 7 30
- Pby of Iowa City*—Rev J D Mason 10; Muscatine ch 50; Muscatine Ger ch 8; Summit ch 24 80; Fairview Sab-sch 12 50; Scott ch 5; Blue Grass ch 6; Hermon ch 3 55; Tipton ch 29 09, of which Sab-sch 8 67; New York ch 3 04; Brooklyn ch 10 70; South Ridge ch 5; Bethel ch 3 60 171 28
- Pby of Iowa*—Bentonsport ch 15; Ft Madison ch 21, of which Sab-sch 5 60; St Peter Ev Ger ch 13 49 00
- Pby of Indianapolis*—Georgetown ch 5; White Lick ch 4; Brownsburg ch 4; Edinburg ch 16 05; Highland ch 5 10; Bethany ch 29; Donaldson ch 10 60 73 75
- Pby of Ithaca*—Ithaca ch 2 77
- Pby of Jersey City*—Two members of Jersey City 1st ch 50 (memorial); West Milford ch 14 60; Carlstadt Ger ch 3 67 60
- Pby of Kittanning*—Cherry Tree ch, add'l, 5; Elderton ch 12 17; Centre ch 5; Slate Lick ch 21 55; Concord ch 42; Brady's Bend ch 37 67, of which Sab-sch 15; Kittanning 1st ch, from a friend 10 00 1123 39
- Pby of Lansing*—Sebawa ch 3 57; Roxana and Sunfield chs 3 43; Homer ch 130; Marshall ch 63 200 00
- Pby of Long Island*—Southampton ch 83; Middletown ch 20 34 103 34
- Pby of Lehigh*—Slatington ch 25; Stroudsburg ch 71; Conyngham ch 20; Reading 1st ch, from Caleb Wheeler 62 50 178 50
- Pby of Lackawanna*—Weatherly ch and Sab-sch 33 56, of which Audenreid 4 80; Montrose ch 201 33; Mahanoy City 1st ch 77 46; Honesdale 1st ch 726 50, of which Sab-schs 58; Great Bend ch 14 25; Coalville ch Sab-sch 52 03; Seranton 1st ch 440; Archbald Ger ch 3 1552 93
- Pby of Lima*—Rushsylvania ch 13 02; Findlay 1st ch 152 07; Rev R H Hollyday 5; Blanchard and Pleasantville chs 45 50; Delphos ch 20 235 59
- Pby of Logansport*—La Grange ch 8; Salem ch 3 15; Monticello ch 25; Monon ch 3 20; Remington ch 7; La Porte 1st ch 6 50; Kenstand ch 15 67 85
- Pby of Lake Superior*—Escanaba ch 20 00
- Pby of Missouri River*—Amity ch 3 50; Pleasant Ridge ch 4; Bedford ch 5; Council Bluffs 1st ch 41 25; Sidney ch 7; Ponca ch 4 25; Red Oak ch 5; Helena ch 4 38; Avoca ch 12 29; Plattsmouth ch 26 85; Decatur ch 1 50; Lyons ch 2; Clarinda ch 14; Omaha 2d ch 40 60; Brownsville ch 30 201 53
- Pby of Morris and Orange*—Mendham ch 135; Central ch, Orange 100; Orange 1st ch 75; Orange 2d ch 160, of which M C 85; Chester ch 34; German Valley ch 90 37 594 37
- Pby of Marion*—Bloomfield ch 5 54; Mt Gilead ch, add'l, 1 46; Brown ch 6 31 13 31
- Pby of Maumee*—Grand Rapids ch 22 60, of which Beaver Creek 10; Weston ch 9; Tontogany ch 10 40 42 00
- Pby of Mankato*—Union ch, St Peters 43 75; Grapeland ch 5; Eden ch 2 65 61 40
- Pby of Milwaukee*—Stone Bank ch 5 00
- Pby of Monroe*—Constantine ch 7 00
- Pby of Mahoning*—Deerfield ch 20; Youngstown ch 126 04 148 04

- Pby of Muncie*—Muncie 1st ch 12 70; Perrysburg ch 10 22 70
- Pby of Mattoon*—Pleasant Prairie ch 10 25; Charleston ch 20; Newton ch 5; Assumption ch 13 48 25
- Pby of New Albany*—Mt Lebanon ch 10; St John's ch 3 25; Leavenworth ch 13; Bethel ch 4 10; Oak Grove ch 4 40; Hanover ch 15 10; Charlestown ch 30 79 85
- Pby of Nassau*—Huntington 2d ch 18; Huntington 1st ch 160 75; Smithtown ch 15 193 75
- Pby of New Brunswick*—New Brunswick 1st ch 8 21; Hamilton Square ch 7; Kirkpatrick memorial ch 54 08; Kingston ch 75 26; Trenton 3d ch 100 322 55
- Pby of Newark*—Park ch, Newark 61 30; Roseville ch, Newark 83 63; Wickliffe ch 49 30; 6th ch, Newark 50; Calvary ch, Newark 43 01; Newark 1st ch 398 13; South Park ch, Young People's Miss'y Ass'n 200 855 37
- Pby of New York*—Fifth Ave and Nineteenth St ch, in part 8,052 55; Ch of Sea and Land 28; Rutgers ch 797 69, of which Youth Miss'y Ass'n 160 15; New York 1st ch, add'l, 200; Phillips ch 98 85; Ch of the Covenant, add'l, 750; Brick ch, in part 3,108 51; Forty-second St ch, New York 108 72 13,144 32
- Pby of Niagara*—Porter ch 13 00
- Pby of Northumberland*—Grove ch and Sab-sch 115; Washington ch 15 58; New Berlin 1st ch 13 05; McEwensville ch 5; Williamsport 1st ch 267 37; Chillisquaque ch 14 50; Mooresburg Fem Miss'y Soc'y 6 50 437 00
- Pby of Neosho*—Rev E K Lynn 5; Pleasant Hill ch 5; Carlyle ch 31 25; Sugar Valley ch 1 75; Neosho Falls 1st ch 4; Osaga ch 5 70; Twin Springs ch 2; Fort Scott 1st ch 5 45 60 15
- Pby of New Orleans*—Rev O Reidy 10 00
- Pby of Newton*—Harmony ch 65 10; Stockton ch 16 56; Yellow Frame ch 23; Belvidere ch 170, of which 20 a special donation; Hacketstown ch 434 76, of which Sab-sch 30; Wantage 1st ch 28 70; Mansfield 2d ch 10; Knowlton ch 8, Hope ch 6 = 14 (Envelope system 6 months); Wantage 2d ch 50 812 12
- Pby of North River*—Smithfield ch 45; Bethlehem ch 53 42; Kingston ch 35; Poughkeepsie 1st ch, mon con 41 51; Marlborough ch 19 07 194 04
- Pby of New Castle*—Middletown Forest ch 51 44; Drawer's ch and Sab-sch 30; Christiana ch 20; Port Penn ch 35; Snow Hill ch 8 50; Lewes and Rehoboth ch 25; Delaware City 1st ch 40 212 94
- Pby of Ozark*—White Rock ch 9; Licking ch 3 12 00
- Pby of Ottawa*—Wyoming ch 5 50; Aurora 1st ch 11; Oswego ch 6; Brookfield ch 13 50; Gardner ch 10 46 00
- Pby of Osage*—Kansas City 1st ch 20; Greenwood ch Sab-sch 10; Rev S G Clark 10; Jefferson City ch 25 65 00
- Pby of Otsego*—Richfield Springs ch 25; Delhi 2d ch 27 07 52 07
- Pby of Oregon*—Eugene City ch 10 00
- Pby of Platte*—Weston ch 10 00
- Pby of Philadelphia*—Walnut St ch, in part 199 28; Calvary ch, in part 165; Tabor ch 18 55; West Spruce St ch, from G S Benson, E-q 100; 1st ch, a balance 250; 7th ch 213 60, of which Miss C H 20 946 43
- Pby of Portsmouth*—Red Oak ch 20; Ripley ch 50; Portsmouth 1st Ger ch 13 83 00
- Pby of Philadelphia North*—Germantown (Market Square), ch from Mrs N B Thompson 5; Newtown ch 68 97; Abington ch Sab-sch 67 30; Forestville ch 5 80; Jeffersonville ch 9, of which Sab-sch 7 57 156 07
- Pby of Peoria*—Brunswick ch 7 34; Elmwood ch 8 70 16 04
- Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Bethesda ch Sab-sch 211 75; North ch 107; North Tenth St ch 169 69; Arch St ch 351 04 839 48
- Pby of Potosi*—White Water ch 5; Marble Hill ch 10 50; Irondale 1st ch 10 25 50
- Pby of Palmyra*—Palmyra ch 15; West Ely ch 20 25; Brookfield ch 9 44 25
- Pby of Pittsburgh*—Temperanceville ch 14; Bellefield ch 10; Minersville ch 23 40; Lawrenceville ch Sab-sch 23 12; Hazlewood ch 43 08; Oakdale ch 7 68; Monongahela City ch 73 70; Pittsburg 3d ch 710 20; Central ch Pittsburgh 385 1290 18
- Pby of Redstone*—Mt Pleasant ch 43 47; Pleasant Unity ch 18 23; George's Creek ch 10; Sewickly ch 24 77; McKeesport ch 28 12; Tent ch 22 20; Frame ch, from Jacob Diefenbach 10 156 79
- Pby of Rock River*—Millersburg ch 12; Princeton 1st ch 71 88, of which Sab-sch 7 80; Osco ch 3; Geneseo ch 11; Foreston Ger ch 24 121 88
- Pby of Rochester*—O-sean ch mon coll 3; Moscow ch 17; Rochester 3d ch 146 65 166 65
- Pby of Santa Fe*—Las Vegas ch (memorial) 20 00
- Pby of Steubenville*—Oak Ridge ch 11; Chestnut Grove ch 5; New Hagerstown ch 58, of which Sab-sch 10; Beech Spring ch 46 85; Steubenville 1st ch, add'l, 65 34; Steubenville 2d ch 313; Kilgore ch 10 509 19
- Pby of Saginaw*—Fenton ch 25 30; Flushing ch 38; Bay City 1st ch 116 17 179 47
- Pby of St Clairsville*—Antrim ch 7; Birmingham ch 6; Freeport ch 8; Little York ch 13 50; Crab Apple ch 27; Beallsville ch 14; Powhatan ch 6 81 50
- Pby of San Jose*—Los Angeles ch 5; Santa Barbara ch 20, of which Pastor 5 25 00
- Pby of Shenango*—Clarkville ch 37 22
- Pby of Schuyler*—Camp Creek ch 19; Camp Point ch 27; Brooklin ch 6 50; Huntsville ch 8 50; John Knox ch 10; Fountain Green ch 7 78 00
- Pby of Syracuse*—Trinity ch, Manlius 36; Ly-sander ch 22 58 00
- Pby of St Paul*—House of Hope ch 139 05; Kingston ch 4; Litchfield ch 3; Westminster ch, Minneapolis 147 60, of which Sab-sch 19 36; St Anthony ch 11 40 305 05
- Pby of Springfield*—Union ch 7; Bethel ch 4; Lincoln ch 4; Westminster ch, Jacksonville 104 119 00
- Pby of Steuben*—Painted Post ch 10 00
- Pby of St Lawrence*—Gouverneur ch 93 67
- Pby of St Louis*—Rolla ch 20; Carondelet ch 19; St Louis 1st ch 500 539 00
- Pby of San Francisco*—Mendocino ch 50 00
- Pby of Sacramento*—Rev C D Roberts 10 00
- Pby of Troy*—North Granville ch, Fem H M Soc'y 25 25; Cambridge ch 18 50; Glen's Falls 1st ch 90; Ladies of 1st Troy ch 125; Waterford ch 142 87, of which Sab-sch 16 82 491 62
- Pby of Topeka*—Lanesfield ch 8 50; Auburn ch 6; Williamsport ch 4 18 50
- Pby of Utica*—Augusta ch 74 82; Lyons Falls ch 9 50; Camden 1st ch 5 89 32
- Pby of Union*—Spring Place ch 18 50; Washington ch 9 27 50
- Pby of Vincennes*—Farmersburg ch 2 70; Evansville ch 107 109 70
- Pby of Washington City*—North ch, Washington 13 36; New York Ave ch, Washington 137 90; Falls ch, Va 15, of which 5 from the Pastor 166 26
- Pby of Waterloo*—Ackley ch 50; Oxford ch 7 35; La Porte and Big Creek chs 5 62 35
- Pby of Wooster*—Hayesville ch 29 75; Wooster 1st ch 95 90; Canal Fulton ch 8 10; Savannah ch 25; Perrysville ch 30; Clearfork ch 5; Jackson ch 53 41; Dalton ch 54 301 16
- Pby of Warren*—North Henderson ch 46 32
- Pby of West Jersey*—Glassboro ch 3 25; Berlin ch 6; Bridgeton 1st ch 350, of which Sab-sch 40; Brainerd ch 12, of which Batsto Sab-sch 3 371 25
- Pby of West Virginia*—French Creek ch 36 41, of

which Centreville branch 4 80; Buchanan ch 6; Gnatty Creek ch 5; Bethel ch 5 50; Hughes River ch 6 73; Moundsville ch and Sab-sech 16; Fairmount ch 27; Grafton ch 10 112 64

Pby of Washington—Wheeling 3d ch 18 25; Wheeling 1st ch 39 45; Holliday's Cove ch 13; Upper Ten Mile ch 32 80; Cross Roads ch 18; East Buffalo ch 8 129 50

Pby of Wisconsin River—Richland Centre ch 4; Richland City ch 4; Fancy Creek ch 4; Lowville ch 5 31; Montello ch 10; Lodi ch, mon col 10 69, of which Sab-sech 2 27; Oxford ch 8 50; Harrison ch 1 73; Columbus ch 30 78 25

Pby of West Chester—South Salem ch, Ladies' West Benev Soc'y 195; Potts' memorial ch 54; Peekskill 1st ch 72; Gilead ch 16; Croton Falls ch 5; Yonkers 1st ch, mon con 14 77 260 77

Pby of Winnebago—Rural ch 15; Fond du Lac ch 50 32; Neenah 1st ch 73 17; Stevens Point ch 20 158 49

Pby of Winona—Fremont ch 7; Lanesboro ch 10; Albert Lea ch 21; Preston 1st ch 13 40; Lake City ch 17 80 69 20

Pby of Westminster—Columbia ch 181 70; Lancaster ch 190; Slate Ridge ch 20; York 1st ch, from Miss Jane L Cathcart 20; Hopewell Centre and Stewartstown ch 67 478 70

Pby of Zanesville—Rural Dale ch 7 65; Fairmount ch 3; Putnam ch 176 25; Massillon ch 45; Fredericktown ch 41 45; Salem Ger ch 8; Newark 1st ch 35 85, of which Sab-sech 20 85; Jersey ch 57 69, of which an individual 30 374 80

Total received from churches, \$11,463 31

LEGACIES.—Legacy in part of Daniel Murray, dec'd 36 25; Patterson Estate, Pittsburg, Pa 88; A dying gift of Miss Isabella M Miller, late of North Benton, Ohio 200 (memorial); Balance of a bequest of Mrs Martha Parks, dec'd, late of Akron, Ill 16 50; Bequest of James Byers, dec'd, late of Ohio 40 = 380 75; Less income tax refunded estate A Gregg 60 320 75

MISCELLANEOUS.—Rev L D Potter and family, Glendale, Ohio 10 40; Harriette Morey, Wassaic, N Y 3; Rev Jas Shaw, D.D. and family, Windham, Ohio 18; Mrs F Scott, Windham, Ohio 2; Mrs E J Thompson, Olivesburg, Pa (memorial) 5; Miscellaneous 15; Chas Wiggins, St Louis, Mo 100; Religious Contribution Soc'y of Princeton Theo Sem 21; "R M W" 10; Miss Sarah Wilson, St Thomas, Pa 250; Kate B High, Streator, Ill 100; Mrs C H Duffield, Ohio 1; Mrs E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 5; Miss E H Wakeman, N Y 100; Little Lizzie and Willie's Box 1; Henry Brewster, Shirleysburg, Pa 5; Mrs R B Boyd, New Wilmington, Pa 2; Mrs E C Kniffen, Chester, Pa 1; "Hexy," St Paul, Minn 5 (memorial); Mrs C F Martin, Norris-town, Pa 5; Mary H Green, Mott Haven, N Y 10 (memorial); Rev G S Corwin, M D, East Pembroke, N Y 60; W N Blakeman, M D N Y 40 771 40

Total in December, \$42,555 41

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CLOTHING.

1 box from Ladies Sewing Soc'y, Washington Valley, N J, valued at \$140 00
1 box from ladies of 1st ch Cleveland, Ohio, valued at 200 00
2 boxes from ladies of Peekskill ch, N Y, valued at 300 00
1 box from Ladies' Aid Soc'y, Lebanon ch, Pa, valued at 100 00
1 box from Spencer Creek ch, Pa, valued at 323 00
1 box from St Georges ch, Delaware, valued at 181 32
1 box from South Third St ch Williamsburg, N Y, valued at 500 00
2 boxes from New Brunswick 1st ch, N J.
1 box from Wilmington 1st ch, Delaware, valued at 141 00
1 box from Goshen ch, N Y.

1 box from Ladies of Park ch, Erie, Pa, valued at 184 85
1 box from ladies of 1st ch Allegheny, Pa, valued at 221 00
1 box from ladies of Oxford ch, Ohio, valued at 185 00
1 box from ladies of 2d ch Indianapolis, Ind, valued at 62 31
1 box from Female Missionary Soc'y, Upper Octorara, Pa, valued at 185 00
1 box from ladies of Lancaster ch, Pa, valued at 110 09
1 box from ladies of Hollidaysburg ch, Pa, valued at 117 00
1 box from ladies of Germantown 1st ch, Pa, valued at 285 00
1 box from ladies of Mercersburg ch, Pa, valued at 175 00
2 boxes from ladies of Park Central ch, Syracuse, N Y, valued at 142 62
1 box from ladies of Chester ch, N J, valued at 82 00
1 box from ladies of North ch, Allegheny, Pa, valued at 320 00
1 box from ladies of North ch, Washington, D C, valued at 110 00
2 boxes from ladies of Westminster ch, Elizabeth, N J, valued at 370 00
1 box from ladies of 2d ch, Meadville, Pa, valued at 222 50
1 box from ladies of Alexander ch, Phila, Pa, valued at 300 00
1 box from ladies of Parsippany ch, N J, valued at 80 00
1 box from ladies of Dobb's Ferry ch, N Y, valued at 350 00
2 boxes from ladies of New Brunswick 2d ch, N J, valued at 350 00
1 box from ladies of Cumberland ch, Md, valued at 141 00
1 box from ladies of Hackettstown ch, N J, valued at 150 00
1 box from ladies of Pluckamin ch, N J, valued at 75 00
1 box from Walnut Hills ch, Ohio, valued at 263 00
3 boxes from ladies of Brick ch, N Y, valued at 500 00
1 box from 1st ch Easton, Pa, valued at 426 73
2 boxes from Brainerd ch, Easton, Pa, valued at 540 00
1 box from ladies of 1st ch Stamford, Conn, valued at 330 00
1 box from 3d ch Elizabeth, N J, valued at 150 00
1 box from West Farms ch, N Y, valued at 175 00
2 boxes from 1st ch Brooklyn, N Y, valued at 900 00
1 box from Young People's Soc'y State St ch, Albany, N Y, valued at 496 17
1 box from Washington ch, Pa, valued at 313 60
1 box from Dorcas Soc'y Arch St ch, Phila, Pa, valued at 202 00
1 box from ladies of 6th ch, Phila, Pa, valued at 130 00
1 box from Honesdale ch, Pa, valued at 275 00
1 box from ladies of Germantown 2d ch, valued at 160 00

\$10,955 10

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LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Committee, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretaries, No. 30 Vesey Street, New York City. Letters relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, should be sent to S. D. POWEL, Esq., Treasurer—same address.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIEOUS, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW; PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

And he said, so is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.—MARK iv.

THE TWO PLEAS IN BEHALF OF STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

At a time when all Europe lay stagnant in the ignorance, sensuality, and semi-barbarism of the middle ages, an obscure Frenchman began to preach the obligation of believers to relieve the Holy Land from the cruel tyranny of the Seljook Turks, and pilgrims to the Holy City from the atrocities of which himself and numerous others had been the subjects and witnesses. With such zeal did he preach, that within two or three years France, Germany, Italy, and other countries were aroused; thousands of armed men gathered about him, and demanded that he would be their leader; the rich and the poor contributed great sums of money, garments, arms, and provisions; and thus was begotten the memorable First Crusade.

How incalculable the power of one man when his whole soul is enflamed with a great and worthy object, which appeals to the conscience, and interests the religious sympathies of our nature; when he devotes his utmost energies to infusing his aims into the hearts of the high and the low, of the young and the old, of women as well as men, thus moving the whole mass of society, and bringing all its hoarded resources to bear towards the accomplishment of them!

Such a spirit as this is what is now needed in each student for the ministry of the gospel. Poor deluded Peter the Hermit! After half a score of Crusades had maddened and impoverished Christendom, how utterly did their hard-won successes fail to secure the great ends in view! But the Church is now kindling with a fire of a far greater ambition; one far more reasonable, more worthy of our King, more suited to deeply enlist all the best impulses of our nature; one which has the word of God pledged for its success; one which will fill the whole world with holiness, and peace, and songs of rejoicing; one which will give to those who "have fought a good fight" "a crown of righteousness" in the day of the appearing of our Lord.

It is the labors of the ministry of the gospel which are the ordained means to accomplish these vast, beneficent, glorious results to the human race. The FIRST PLEA, then, which the Board of Education would present at this season of the year in behalf of the students for the ministry is that the servants of God would pray ardently that they may be men who shall go forth "in the spirit and power of Elias," to prepare the way of the Lord, to make his paths straight, and be heralds of the approaching joyful days when "all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Will not every pious reader join in this important prayer?

When God answers the prayers of his people, and moves the souls of numerous youthful servants to obey the call to preach the gospel, there devolves upon the Church a solemn duty, that of encouraging and sustaining them by contributions of pecuniary aid. Six hundred of them have heard the appeals from home and foreign fields for laborers; they are in our literary and theological schools; they re-

quire food, raiment, and other necessaries of life, comfort and preparation for their high calling; they must have them promptly when promised.

This is the SECOND EARNEST PLEA at this season. Hundreds of churches *can* respond to it, with larger gifts than they have heretofore made. Such liberality is now absolutely needed. Many brethren *could* send us remittances which would send comfort to troubled and anxious young hearts. We ask a second question: Will you not help the Church, as God hath prospered you, with the means which are necessary in raising up laborers for the fields which are white for the harvest?

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF ALBERT BARNES.

While the death of some men might have made more noise in the world, there has been none of this generation which would affect a greater number of Christian hearts in every continent than that of him who wrote not long ago, with such serene faith, and in such touching language, as to the summit of the mountain which for "three-score years and ten" he had been climbing: "I have found it all that I hoped it might be, not rough, and rocky, and craggy, and barren; not covered with mists or clouds; not darkened with tempests; not broken up into ridges and ravines; but so calm, so peaceful, so smooth, so surrounded with cheering prospects, so covered with sunshine, so pleasant to the eye, and so filled with sweet sounds grateful to the ear, as to make me desire to linger there still, and to prolong the stay ere the descent must be made. But this cannot be. I have passed over the summit, and have come to the steep verge—the place where the descent must be rapid. The ascent was long, and slow, and gradual. The descent must be precipitous, quick, sudden. The termination is not far off—the *grave*."

It was the worn-out body which dropped so suddenly from that high summit; the *man* did not go with it.

"Life's duty done, as sinks the clay,
Light from its load the spirit flies."

And heaven welcomed him whom the eyes of earth followed in his translation.

This is not the place to attempt an estimate of the characteristics of this eminent saint. But we may hold up for the consideration of our own hearts a few of those more remarkably useful and worthy of imitation.

Whatever Mr. Barnes' natural gifts, no man excelled him in the culture of what he possessed. He aimed to keep the body in the possession of the highest degree of health and efficiency by suitable, regular, timely and sufficient food, sleep, and exercise. He did not treat it like some ministers, as if it were some passive and worthless brute, which a man is to use or abuse, at all hours, and with no care for the requisitions of its nature. He took pleasure in answering the salutation of a friend with the declaration "I am perfectly well." Thus he was enabled to perform an amount of work which would have overwhelmed one less considerate and determined. He walked daily long distances; and fulfilled appointments several miles from his home, on foot, in all kinds of weather, in summer or winter. So, too, he disciplined his intellectual powers, with a soldier's precision and faithfulness, to habits of activity, promptness, obedience, and patience. Hence the amount and variety of work which he performed was to most men marvelous. But it was done simply by the union of careful forethought, definite plans, watchful self-denial and earnest will; keeping in view the principle, "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: FOR YE SERVE THE LORD CHRIST."

Another element of Mr. Barnes' greatness was his wisdom in directing his efforts chiefly to the classes where they would be most beneficial and successful. Some

ambitious and far from wise men conceive that their mission, and that of our Church, is to reach the intellectual and more wealthy portions of society. They spend their time in efforts to straighten, cleanse, and make prolific tall old trees whose hearts are decayed, their boughs wilted and dry, and their bark scarred and scaly with the stings and gashes of generations of rodent or insect enemies. Mr. Barnes' life-aim was to simplify the scriptures, to direct his teaching to the youthful and the lowly, and to devote his most earnest labors, in imitation of his Divine Master and the inspired heralds of salvation, who were sent forth with His personal instructions, to scattering wide and free the benefits of the gospel in virgin soil, or in which was ploughed, and harrowed, and mellowed, and deepened by affliction, trial, and want. He says: "the principal work of my life, and that in which I have been more successful than in any other, I mean the preparation of Notes or Commentaries on the Sacred Scriptures, . . . I began merely with the design of preparing a few plain and simple 'Notes on the Gospels,' for the benefit of Sunday-school teachers." This "led to the *habit* of spending a small portion of each day in writing on some portion of the Bible, at such time as would not interfere with my regular duties as a pastor, until, to my surprise, I found myself at the end of the New Testament; and until, to my greater surprise, as the result has shown, more than a million of volumes have been sold in this country and abroad, in my native tongue, and in languages which I cannot read or understand." It was a sublime close to his life to be so much like that of his Master, who was welcomed to the conclusion of his ministry in the temple by the voices of children, and was assisted by an African to bear his cross; so much like that of the apostolic man, John Eliot, who first translated and published the Word of God in the New World; who, when he could no longer, on account of old age and infirmity, preach or make pastoral visits, sent for Indian and negro children and servants, and taught them by his bedside. The last sermon Albert Barnes preached was to the negro children of the House of Refuge in Philadelphia, whom he loved, for whose welfare he labored, playfully styling the place "his parish," after his resignation of the pastorate of the venerable First Church; and who, with the prisoners at the Penitentiary and the occupants of some of the public charitable institutions, were among the truest mourners over the death of "their friend." The last public appointment he attended, on the day of his death, was that of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the House of Refuge, for the inmates of which he had succeeded in having prepared some little kind unwonted luxuries for their Christmas dinner. The very last action of his life was to visit the widow and the fatherless in their affliction; and in performance of it he sat down in the house exhausted, after a long walk upon a stormy winter day, gave a few convulsive gasps, and was with Him whom he loved.

The one bequest in the will of a man who had been through life "his own executor" was designed to raise up faithful ministers who should continue to speak long after his tongue was silent. He directed the money which he had received from Princeton Theological Seminary, as a student, to be repaid, and a share of the income of his copy-rights afterward to be given annually to Union Theological Seminary, in New York. How many men of pecuniary means might thus find tongues to proclaim salvation to dying men, both while they live, and after they are dead.

The crowning lesson of the life of Albert Barnes was that it so eminently illustrated the great apostle's precept to his "own son in the faith," Timothy: "the end of the commandment is CHARITY, out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." His heart and conscience and faith both burned within and shone without, in an extraordinary degree, with the flame of pure and

unfeigned love to God and love to man. In a critical period of painful religious controversy, he suffered long, and yet was kind; bearing, believing, hoping in a spirit which excited the admiration and sympathy of all who beheld it. And in all his long ministry he has actively fulfilled his commission as an "angel of the church in Philadelphia." The eminent professor of theology (Rev. Dr. T. H. Skinner) who made an address at his funeral said that he had long been accustomed to hold up to students under his care the example of Albert Barnes as that of a model pastor of the flock of Christ. How worthy of imitation by us all was that extraordinary reflection of the "meekness and gentleness of Christ!" Now, where faith and hope have ceased, charity abides. He no longer sees through a glass darkly, but face to face. "THAT WHICH IS PERFECT IS COME."

ANY STUDENT WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED HIS APPROPRIATION will probably find by reading the Rules of the Board, which have been generally distributed, (and will be sent to any one who desires, on application), that either the notification of his recommendation has not been sent on with sufficient definiteness by the Committee on Education of his Presbytery; or else that the Professor's Report as to his studies, &c., has not been made, without which no appropriations are paid.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN DECEMBER, 1870.

<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Annapolis ch	\$16 00	<i>Pby of Philadelphia North</i> —Forrestville ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Buffalo</i> —Lancaster ch	30 00	<i>Pby of Pittsburgh</i> —Mansfield ch	9 00
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —McCormelsburg ch 5; Hill ch 5	10 00	<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —Rockford ch 4; Delano ch 1; Long Lake ch 1	6 00
<i>Pby of Cedar Rapids</i> —Central ch	1 00	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —New Philadelphia ch 7; Steubenville 2d ch 52	59 00
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Second ch Chicago 606 33; 8th ch 63 30; Central ch, Joliet 69 65	739 28	<i>Pby of Troy</i> —First ch Troy, add'l	190 00
<i>Pby of Cayuga</i> —Ithaca ch	53 00	<i>Pby of Utica</i> —Augusta ch	18 79
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —First ch Walnut Hills 21 84; 7th ch Cincinnati 73 70	95 54	<i>Pby of Vincennes</i> —Brazil ch	44 06
<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Valatie ch	23 00	<i>Pby of Washington City</i> —New York Ave ch 5; North ch 10	15 00
<i>Pby of Detroit</i> —Wyandotte ch	4 00	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Brainerd ch, Elwood 2; Fairton ch 9	11 00
<i>Pby of Elizabeth</i> —Westfield ch, N J 37 06, 1st ch Rahway 25 66	63 72	<i>Pby of Westminster</i> —Slateville ch 26; 1 50 from Rev T M Crawford; Hopewell Centre and Stewartstown chs 15	42 50
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —First ch North East 20; Titusville ch 86 10	106 10	<i>Pby of Winona</i> —Preston 1st ch	10 54
<i>Pby of Fort Wayne</i> —Pleasant Ridge ch 7; Elhanan ch 3	10 00	<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Brownsville ch 11; Buffalo ch 23	34 00
<i>Pby of Franklin</i> —Berlin ch	12 00		
<i>Pby of Geneva</i> —Seneca Falls ch 35; Benton ch 24	59 00		
<i>Pby of Grand River Valley</i> —Muir ch	5 00		
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Monroe ch	8 00		
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Sinking and Spring Creek chs	50 00		
<i>Pby of Iowa City</i> —Princeton ch 6; Mt Union ch 2	8 00		
<i>Pby of Kittanning</i> —First ch Kittanning, from J E B	200 00		
<i>Pby of Lackawanna</i> —Orwell ch	2 00		
<i>Pby of Lehigh</i> —Summit Hill ch, from P	20 00		
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Moriches ch	13 00		
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Sandusky ch	31 25		
<i>Pby of Morris</i> and Orange—Hanover ch	54 80		
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Smithtown ch	3 00		
<i>Pby of Neosho</i> —First ch, F Scott	2 72		
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Charlestown ch	10 00		
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Chesapeake City ch	14 59		
<i>Pby of New York</i> —First ch New York	6091 22		
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Pleasant Valley ch	19 00		
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Newberry ch	40 50		
<i>Pby of Otsego</i> —First ch Unadilla 2 50; Stockbridge ch 2 72 = 5 22 less exchange	5 04		
<i>Pby of Palestine</i> —Charleston ch	15 00		
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Lewistown ch 27 42; Henry ch 37 50	64 92		
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> —Clinton St ch 90 75; West Spruce St ch 50	140 75		
		REFUNDED.	
		L F B 26 75; S M 137 50	164 25
		LEGACIES.	
		Estate of Francis G Bailey 892 50; Estate of Jas Byers, late of Perryville, Ohio 5	897 50
		MISCELLANEOUS.	
		"W. H." Stamford, Ct 1; Rev H P Thompson, Catawba, Ky 2; H C Ward, Zanesville, Ohio 12; E E Townsend, Painted Post, N Y 3; Rev J H Trowbridge, Chicago, Ill 10; Mr Charles Wiggins, St Louis, Mo 50; Miss Sarah Wilson, St Thomas, Pa 250; "H S B and wife," Clearfield, Pa 1 20	329 20
		Total amount acknowledged,	\$9,770 27
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BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

RECENT INTELLIGENCE.

DEATH OF MISSIONARIES.—We learn with much regret the death of the Rev. Joseph Owen, D.D., in Edinburgh, Scotland, December 4th, 1870, and of Miss Catharine L. Beatty, at Allentown, Pa., December 24th, 1870. Dr. Owen arrived in India in 1840, and remained there until February, 1869, when he left his station at Allahabad on a visit to this country. He spent some months with his wife's relatives in Scotland before resuming his journey, and was there attacked with dysentery, from which he did not recover. He was a man of more than ordinary scholarship, and the author of several works for the natives of India; but we enter here upon no account of his missionary course, as we hope to be furnished with a suitable memoir of him for one of the missionary periodicals. Miss Beatty arrived in India in 1862, and was there connected with the Christian girl's school at Dehra. Her devoted and successful efforts in this school for several years called forth the admiration of her missionary associates, but were interrupted by the illness which led to her returning to this country in October, 1869, and resulted in her death, after severe suffering, patiently borne. In their last days, both these missionaries were sustained by the blessed hope of entering into the rest that remaineth to the people of God.

ARRIVALS OUT.—Dr. D. B. McCartee and his wife, and the Rev. Messrs. Crossette and Fitch and their wives, arrived at Shanghai, November 5th, after a good voyage. The Rev. R. G. Wilder and his family arrived at Kolapore on the 21st of October, and their return was gladly welcomed by the native church and others. We regret to learn that the English Episcopal Bishop of Bombay had sent two missionaries of the Gospel Propagation Society to Kolapore. This proceeding cannot meet with approval. It forms a strong reason for having another missionary family sent by the Board to the Kolapore Mission as soon as practicable. Mr. Seiler would probably arrive at Kolapore in December.

"ADDED TO THE CHURCH."—Mr. Loomis reports the baptism of a promising young Chinaman at San Francisco, December 11th; Mr. Walsh, of a Brahman at Futtehpore, India, November 20th; Mr. Nassau, of a young man at Corisco; Mr. Blackford, of three persons at Rio de Janeiro, in October; and Mr. Chamberlain, of two persons at Sao Paulo in the same month. Would that it were in our power to report new members received at many other stations!

THE NESTORIAN MISSION, so long and so successfully conducted by the American Board, has now been transferred to the Presbyterian Board; and its respected Missionaries, with the exception of one who wishes to remain in his former relations, have been received under its care. Particulars will be given hereafter. Recently this Mission has been called the Persian Mission. It stands in pressing need of reinforcement.

ENLARGED WORK IN SYRIA.—At a special meeting of the Syria Mission, held at Beirut, November 22d to 28th, important measures were recommended to the Board, with a view to the increased usefulness of the mission. The forming of a new station at Zahleh, to be occupied by two men; the placing of three men in the Tripoli field, one of them to be a physician; the publishing of a weekly newspaper in Arabic; the securing for the Female Seminary a permanent basis, with an endowment; the procuring of certain buildings—these are among the things com-

mended to the attention of the Church, and calling for a considerable increase of expenditure by the Board over the amount expended for this mission last year. It is encouraging, indeed, to see so large a work calling for still greater enlargement. Particular information will appear hereafter in the missionary periodicals.

THE PRINTING PRESS AT SHANGHAI.—This press has been under the charge of Mr. Wherry for some time. Mr. Mateer, no doubt expressing the opinion of all the missionaries, writes that Mr. Wherry “has managed the business of the press admirably, and it is now in much better running order than when it came into his hands.” His health, as we regret to learn, makes it necessary for him to remove to a more northern climate, probably to one of the stations in Shantung, where we trust he will regain his usual vigor, and where he can enter on missionary work of much importance. In the meantime, the brethren have made provisional arrangements for the superintendence of the press, involving the removal of Mr. Mateer to Shanghai for a few months. The Board hopes to secure the service of a layman with whom correspondence has been opened, to act as superintendent of this invaluable part of the work in China.

MEETING OF THE SYNOD AT SHANGHAI.—Ministers and elders connected with the Ningpo and Shantung Missions met and organized as a Synod in October, and transacted much important business. As the minutes have not yet reached us we cannot enter into particular statements. As directed by the last General Assembly all the ministers and churches in China, Siam, and Japan are included in the Synod of China. At this meeting none were present from Japan and Siam, nor from Canton and Peking; but Dr. Nevius mentions that there were eight foreign ministers, seven native ministers, and nine elders in attendance, from the Presbyteries of Ningpo, Shanghai, and Shantung.

LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA MISSION.—The Rev. Samuel J. Mills, of the Presbytery of Iowa city, has been appointed to this Mission. His acceptance of the appointment is hoped for, after he makes a visit to the Reservation. Measures are in progress to re-open the boarding school, towards the expense of which the Indian Department has agreed to make a liberal grant from funds for educational purposes under its direction. (This Mission, formerly known as the Ojibwa Mission of the American Board, will hereafter take the name, as above, by which the Indians are now commonly known, and which is in use in all Government papers.)

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES.—We regret to hear that the health of the Rev. S. H. Kellogg has become so much weakened, that his brethren think he should withdraw from his work at Futtehgurh, India, for a season, and seek its recovery by a visit to this country. Mr. Kellogg was extremely reluctant to leave his post, and had not then concluded to follow the counsel of his fellow-laborers. The marriage of the Rev. J. H. Morrison, D.D., to Miss Reuther, the daughter of a German missionary, and of the Rev. A. P. Kelso to Miss Bolton, sister to Mrs. Thackwell, are reported in the letters from India. Mr. Pitkin mentions that over fifty scholars are in the Sabbath-school at Bogota, and eighteen young men are in his Bible class.

RECEIPTS, MAY 1ST TO JANUARY 1ST.—From churches, \$60,430; from legacies, \$7,270; from miscellaneous donors, \$7,182; in all, \$74,863. Receipts in the same months last year, \$92,320, of which from churches, \$56,697.

LETTERS RECEIVED TO JANUARY 17TH.—From Alleghany Reservation, Seneca Mission, January 9th; Omaha, December 31st; Seminole, December 14th; Creek, December —; Navajo, December 21st; San Francisco, December 20th; Yokohama, November 24th; Shanghai, November 12th; Canton, November 10th; Al-

lahabad, November 24th; Futtehgurh, November 21st; Dehra, October 29th; Saharunpur, November 8th; Lodiana, November 22d; Kolapore, November 16th; Beirut, December 8th; Abeih, December 7th; Benita, November 2d; Rio de Janeiro, November 23d; Sao Paulo, November 19th; Bogota, November 30th.

RELATIVE CLAIMS OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This subject is one of much interest. Happily there need be no conflict of opinion concerning it. We insert here a part of a letter relating to it, which was recently written by one of the secretaries in reply to a letter from two young brethren in one of our Theological Seminaries.

“ . . . Instead of following the order of your letter, or of giving a particular reply to each point, it may be better for me to take up the two main subjects presented by you.

“The question of the relative claims of Home and Foreign Missions evidently underlies a large part of your letter. It is a question which each of you will have to decide for himself. And it is altogether too large a question to be answered satisfactorily in a short letter, such as this must be. But I may offer you some things to aid you in answering it.

“Certainly there is work to be done at home—much work. More men of the right kind are needed in the ministry here. He is not a true friend of foreign missions who would disparage or undervalue the claims of our home field; the success of the work abroad depends largely on the piety of the Church at home. The same spirit of consecration is needed at home and abroad. So far, all are agreed. Most persons of enlightened views would also agree that the churches of this or any other Christian land cannot be expected to prosper long, if they neglect the work abroad; to neglect it is not the way to secure the Saviour's presence, without which no church can enjoy true prosperity. Most persons would also agree that the destitution of ministers in heathen, Mohammedan, and corrupt Christian countries is immensely greater than it is in this country. Think of a score of ministers for the 75,000,000 of people within reach of the city of Canton! Or to confine our attention to our own Church statistics on this point. We have the names of nearly 4700 ministers and licentiate preachers on one roll, not two hundred of whom are in foreign missionary service. Our Minutes of General Assembly reported one hundred and forty-one licensures last year; probably not one in every fifteen of these will go out as foreign missionaries. Recurring to the general state of the case on this point, you are perhaps not aware that the ratio of increase in the number of evangelical ministers in this country has for thirty years or more exceeded the ratio of increase of our population, and it is still exceeding; so that there is now one evangelical minister for every seven hundred to eight hundred souls. It is evidently not so much more men, as more men of the right kind, that we need here; and also a better distribution of these ministers. We must not think severely of our young ministers who do not offer themselves as foreign missionaries. Many cannot go for reasons of health, for want of requisite qualifications in other respects, or for having friends depending on them for support; and yet one is constrained to fear that many good brethren misjudge as to their duty. Otherwise, how can we account for it, that of those not so hindered so few go abroad?

“I might refer to other facts and views bearing on the subject, but it is not necessary; I mention these as among the things to be considered by you, dear brethren, and by others, when asking the question, Lord, what would thou have me to do? Let your answer come from his Spirit and Providence, and find you

waiting to comply with it, no matter where it takes you, and you will reach the right field of labor. Yes, and you will there find the blessed Saviour's presence and grace, making you useful and happy men. Thus waiting upon God, it is for you to decide the question of duty as to staying here or going abroad; others cannot decide it for you, however deeply they may sympathize with you."

WHITE AND COLORED MEN WANTED IN WEST AFRICAN MISSIONS.

From the letter referred to above, we insert a part relating to matters of much moment to the missionary work in Western Africa:

"As to the relative claims of our foreign missionary fields, just now Western Africa seems to be most in need of new missionaries, but more men are much wanted in the Syria Mission, and perhaps even more urgently in the Nestorian or Persian Mission. One or two more should be sent without delay to the Kolapore Mission. And so of other missions—see *Record* of January, page 19.

"As to Africa, it is chiefly the qualifications of health, mind and heart, and not complexion mainly, that we should consider in sending missionaries there. By all means let us send colored men, if we can find men of suitable qualifications, who are willing to go; but where shall we find them? For several years we have been looking for the right colored men for two important posts in Liberia without success, though aided during the last year by the oldest pastor of one of our Liberia churches, a man greatly respected, who was on a visit to this country. In regard to health, however, it is a mistake to suppose that colored men from this country are exempt from acclimating fever, and from early death too often, when they go to Africa. Three colored ministers whom we sent out from the Ashmun Institute a few years ago are all dead. Of thirty-three white and colored ministers sent to Liberia and Corisco by our Board since 1832, twenty have died. Of the whole number of these ministers, twelve were colored, and of these six have died. Of both classes, the cause of death in several instances was not connected with the climate.

"I need not go further into these statistics, but I may safely say that with a better knowledge in judging of the kinds of constitution likely to suit the African climate, and especially with greater care of health by the missionaries themselves, the risk of life has been much diminished. Examples of living many years are not indeed wanting. Our friend Mr. Bushnell has been connected with the Gaboon Mission, twenty-seven years; Mr. Walker, over thirty years; the late Mr. Mackey, with the Corisco Mission, about seventeen years; Bishop P——, with the Cape Palmas Mission, over thirty years. Many white men go to Western Africa on commercial business—too often to sell rum, and are to be found now in the islands of Corisco Bay, and on the Gaboon River, and elsewhere. I admit the risk, however; it is no doubt a serious question as to one's going to that part of the world, and requires the best consideration. With this, and with favorable circumstances, I think there is a reasonable prospect of living there many years. And in no other part of the world is missionary labor more needed; hardly in any other is it likely to meet with more encouragement. See Dr. Wilson's book on Western Africa, last chapter, published by the Harpers. See also an article on this general subject in the *Missionary Chronicle* of October, 1838. Both these works, I suppose, are in your Seminary Library.

"If, however, the way is not clear for your going to Africa. . . there are other places greatly needing your best labors; but I need not enlarge. This letter is already much longer than I expected to write. Accept it as showing my interest in your questions of duty. And may the Lord guide you both, and make your

way very plain before you! If you decide to go abroad, I want you to do so expecting to enjoy bright and happy days while you live near the Saviour and rejoice in his work. Of course you will meet with privations, hardships, discouragements, sorrows—yes, but grace will be given to you from on high. You will hope to be greatly useful. You will expect a blessed reward.”

“SOME ACCOUNT OF THE YEAR'S WORK.”

The Rev. Hunter Corbett, writing at Chefoo, China, September 30th, thus reviews the labors of the year then ended. Few ministers of the gospel can speak of greater blessings in their year's work.

As this day closes the mission year, I am reminded that some account of the year's work should be forwarded to you. During the early part of the year it was our privilege to welcome the Rev. Mr. Eckard and wife as co-laborers to this field. We rejoice to have missionaries of every Christian denomination come to China, but are especially glad when they are sent out by the church we most love. At the beginning of the year Mrs. Corbett's health seriously declined. A trip of a few weeks to Shanghai and Ningpo was blessed to her recovery. She has since been enabled to labor daily in the schools, and conduct a Bible-class for the Christian women, and all who could be induced to attend.

Seventeen have been added to the church, fifteen on profession of faith and two by letter. One of the converts lives more than two hundred miles in the interior. He heard the gospel first from Mr. Mateer and myself during a trip we made four years ago. He says what he then heard remained constantly in his thoughts. He would have come sooner to learn, but could not leave an invalid and aged mother, who was wholly dependent upon him. Last fall his mother died. He came at once to Chefoo. After four months spent in learning the truth he was baptized. Another lives more than one hundred miles distant. A man from his village received a copy of a Christian catechism, prepared by Mrs. Nevius. The man did not feel especially interested in the book, and gave it to this young man. The reading of it made him think of death,—that all, rich, poor, and rulers, alike must die; if there is a Saviour for all who believe, and eternal happiness promised in the future, why might he not be a par-

taker? He gave the book to his father, who also became interested. He gave his consent for his son to come and learn the truth, saying if it proved what he hoped, he would come himself. The young man's stay with us as an inquirer has been very satisfactory. He was received into the church last Sabbath.

Another, forty-four years of age, has frequently heard the gospel preached for five or six years. He did not, however, regard it with any special interest until six or seven months ago. He seems to have formed a strong attachment for Mr. Wang, the assistant. Every time they met, Mr. Wang called his attention to the importance of his soul, and told him how much he longed for his conversion. He began to think if Mr. Wang felt so much concern for his soul he should feel still more. He began to read the sacred Scriptures, then to pray, and is now, I trust, one of Christ's little flock. He is a man of good education and great fluency of speech. If he develops into an active Christian we trust he may yet do good service in making known the truth to others.

One man, aged seventy years, received by letter from Tungehow, died during the summer. One of the colporteurs visited him at his home, thirty miles distant, during his sickness, and says that he was strong in faith, and that he spoke of his departure with joy. There were no other Christians in his village. His daughter, with whom he lived, says that during his last illness he frequently called out in prayer to Jesus. We trust his soul is safe, although he was buried as a heathen. The total number of communicants is now fifty-eight.

We have been greatly encouraged by the unmistakable evidence which many of the members have given of growth in grace, and zeal in laboring to bring souls to Christ. Two women have regularly spent two days of the week, often more, going together, or singly, from house to house, and preaching Christ. They have met with much coldness and opposition at times, but have been received by many, and often

listened to with interest. They have persuaded numbers of women to come to church occasionally on the Sabbath, and to the Bible-class during the week. We call them our Bible-women, yet they are not employed by the Mission, and do not receive money for their labor. Many of our church members are scattered abroad, but, like the early Christians, they seem to have faithfully preached the word. One man, from a distant town, has recently been received, the fruit of one who became a Christian last year.

The Christians held a meeting some time since, and pledged themselves to contribute not less than the one-tenth of all their income to benevolent objects. They have adopted a rule that the first tenth shall be the Lord's, lest the Lord may not always get his due.

That no cases requiring discipline have come before the church is a cause of thankfulness. A church composed wholly of members so recently heathen is not like a church in a Christian land.

(*To be concluded.*)

THE BOLENDIA SCHOOL.

Miss Nassau, writing to the Board from Benita, West Africa, September 28th, 1870, gives a brief narrative of much interest—which we insert without abridgment.

The report of the Bolenda school for the year now ending, is one full of changes, with much to discourage, but thank God, with some beams of light and hope.

The work was in prosecution as usual, and with the usual numbers in the schools, when for reasons of health it became necessary in December, 1869, to resign the work for a time. I went to Old Calabar, hoping to return in one month. But not finding opportunity for returning, the absence was prolonged to three months. In April, the work was resumed in the English and Benga schools. But the pupils had scattered and were slow in returning, some not at all. Ten has been the usual number in attendance in the English school.

Added to the work of teaching in the school, we began in May a systematic visiting of the towns. Two afternoons in the week were thus spent by Miss C. L. Sneed, the Monrovia assistant,—in religious instruction in the towns; with the special hope of thus reaching the women. This effort proved increasingly interesting.

The same kind of work was undertaken by the Benga assistant, Ijabi; though his teaching in the school prevented him from devoting more than one day in the week. We hope these efforts have not been in vain.

The attendance of the people upon Sabbath and prayer meetings has not been so large as previous to my three months' absence, still there are a faithful few, and while there is no opposition to the truth, there is always a respectful attention to it, as spoken either in the mission or towns.

We feel encouraged by the evident progress of the few, who have been in regular attendance; even though our hearts are saddened by the indifference and dereliction of many, from whom we hoped much. God has not left us without some evidence of his blessing.

Gladly, in hope and prayer, would we have resumed the work another year, but the hand of God points to a different work: we stand where the devoted missionary sister labored and fell. Thus is God answering the prayer, "Take me, use me, as Thou wilt."

We thank you for the words of sympathy and kind encouragement that have come to us during the past year. Their blessed mission in sustaining our lonely hearts can be repaid by no earthly price. Believe me, respectfully, affectionately yours.

AN AFRICAN MINISTER'S REPORT.

We take the following extract from the report of the Rev. Mr. Ibia, of the Corisco Mission. He was educated in the mission school, afterwards licensed to preach the gospel, and about a year ago ordained as a minister by the Presbytery of West Africa. When Messrs. Menaul and De Heer left Corisco, Mr. Ibia was left in charge of the interests of the mission, and removed from his station on the mainland to Evangasimba on the island of Corisco—from which place this report was written on the 23d of last September.

On Sabbath. We have one service in the morning, another in the evening, and Sabbath-school in the afternoon. The attendance has increased since April. Instead of four or six individuals from towns, we have from thirty-five to forty in the morning, and about thirty or more in the evening. The Sabbath-school was not attended at

first, except by four Christian women, but the attendance has increased to over twenty from towns, which makes it, including our people who live here, over thirty. . . .

Two of our teachers in the Sabbath-school are females. It appears at present on the island that the females take more interest in the things of God than the men.

On Week days. Translating, writing, visiting, instructing one of the boys and the man that has lately offered to be a scripture reader, and giving oral instruction in school. Strictly speaking, we have no school, in comparison with what schools used to be. We have five boys learning. It is well-known that the people on the island and their children have for a good while acted in a way that has given the impression that they do not any more care for instruction of any kind whatever; unless we "except the instruction that causes to err." They are very eager it seems to receive this. The object men in this country have in view, that is, learning some English to trade with, can be accomplished by going to work in factories, rather than by going to school. . . .

Christian women have of their own will a prayer-meeting every Friday. Three other women have begun to attend it regularly. This is the first effort made by women, showing that they are inter-

ested in better things. May it be the forerunner of good things. There has been for more than a year and a half a visible change amongst them. They are now willing to have a change introduced. It is very pleasing to see them dropping foolish customs one by one, and reducing their knowledge to practice. It is true these things are not godliness, but they help men to lead godly lives better.

One aged man was received into the church during the year. Two women may be received next communion. The numbers of inquirers is seven. One of these is a Roman Catholic, a Benga young man that was educated in Spain. One man was suspended, and two more will be suspended from church privileges next session. Two others may be excommunicated at that time. . . .

Mr. Ibia speaks of Alongo, and of his former station, Mbangwe, and also of the out-stations at Ilobi, another island in the Bay of Corisco, and at Mangonwe on the mainland; but there is little to be reported. The work of the mission at these places as well as at Corisco is at a low ebb. More missionaries are greatly needed. The work of former years is in great danger of being lost, as the case now stands. In this latter part of the report, Mr. Ibia mentions that some of the natives, accused of witchcraft, had been put to death. Satan still reigns in this part of Africa.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN DECEMBER, 1870.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Hamilton Union Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Troy*—Stillwater and Mechanicsville Sab-sch 3; 1st ch Cohoes 11 19

19 19

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of New Castle*—Forest ch, Middletown 35 08; Drawers ch 15, Sab-sch 13 = 28; Olivet ch, Wilmington 5; Chesapeake City ch 8 55. *Pby of Washington City*—North ch, Washington 24; New York Ave ch, Washington 143 87; Seventh St ch 75, Sab-sch 50 = 1.5

369 50

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Fall Creek ch 13; Marshall ch 5. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Lane Seminary ch. mo con 14 93; 1st ch Sab-sch Walnut Hills 24; 2d ch Cincinnati 19 35. *Pby of Dayton*—Venice ch 35 10; College Corner ch Sab-sch 7; Dicks Creek ch 8 66

127 04

SYNOD OF CLEVELAND.—*Pby of St Clairsville*—Washington Sab-sch 25. *Pby of Steubenville*—Minerva Sab-sch 5; Waynesburg Sab-sch Missy Soc'y 16; Corinth Sab-sch 3 50

49 50

SYNOD OF COLUMBUS.—*Pby of Wooster*—Lexington Sab-sch 10; Apple Creek Sab-sch 30; Shelby Sab-sch 10. *Pby of Zanesville*—Brownsville ch 24; Waterford ch 12 40; Muskingum ch 2; Sab-sch 12 = 14; Mt Vernon Sab-sch 67; 1st ch Jersey 9 50; Buffalo ch 24 83

201 70

SYNOD OF ERIE.—*Pby of Allegheny*—First ch Centreville, Ladies' Soc'y 22 50; Sewickley Sab-sch, for Per-sian Missions 25, Bible Class 30 = 55. *Pby of Butler*—Concord Sab-sch 23; Plain Grove ch 31 40. *Pby of Clarion*—Brookville Sab-sch 30; Bethesda ch 7 75. *Pby of Erie*—First ch Conautville 15; North East ch Sab-sch 25; Park ch Sab-sch, for Tunghow sch 75. *Pby of Kattan-*

ning—First ch Kittanning 1,120; Glade Run ch 50; Clinton ch 6 20; Indiana ch 176 05; Concord Sab-sch 12 10. *Pby of Shenango*—Pulaski Sab-sch 17 50

1,666 50

SYNOD OF GENEVA.—*Pby of Canoga*—Aurora ch, in part, to con Rev W W Howard L D 53 20; Port Byron ch 50 15, Sab-sch, for Shanghai sch 25 = 75 15. *Pby of Chemung*—First ch Elmira, Mrs Ayers 10. *Pby of Geneva*—Bethel Sab-sch, for Tunghow 19 20; Waterloo ch 70. *Pby of Steubenville*—Painted Post ch 10

237 55

SYNOD OF HARRISBURG.—*Pby of Carlisle*—Lower Path Valley ch 40; Burnt Cabins ch 10; McConnellsburg ch 38; Wells Valley ch 15; Green Hill ch 22 40; Mechanicsburg ch 35; 1st ch Carlisle 124 03; Fayetteville ch 14. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Mifflintown ch 134 35; Curwinstown ch 63 05; Birminghams ch, Warrior's Mark, Sab-sch 35

530 83

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS CENTRAL.—*Pby of Peoria*—Galesburg ch 50; Broadway Sab-sch, Knoxville 17. *Pby of Schuylcr*—First ch Quincy 21 17. *Pby of Springfield*—Second ch Decatur 13 20

101 37

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS, NORTH.—*Pby of Chicago*—Second ch Chicago 46 39. *Pby of Freeport*—First Ger Sab-sch Galena 8. *Pby of Ottawa*—First ch Sab-sch Aurora 6 54; Meriden Sab-sch 3 25. *Pby of Rock River*—Woodhull Sab-sch, to con Rev W C Magner *Life Member* 30; Morrison Sab-sch 25 70

129 83

SYNOD OF INDIANA, NORTH.—*Pby of Fort Wayne*—First ch Sab-sch Fort Wayne 41 48; First ch Sab-sch Decatur 8

49 48

SYNOD OF INDIANA, SOUTH.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Walnut St Sab-sch, Bloomington 27 05; Boxby ch 3. *Pby of New Albany*—First ch Sab-sch New Albany, to sup boy at Ningpo 50; Charlestown ch 16 96 05

SYNOD OF IOWA, NORTH.—*Pby of Cedar Rapids*—Linn Grove ch 12 80, Sab-sch 11, Family of J C Goudy, Missy's Pig 10 = 33 80; 1st ch Cedar Rapids 26 56 60 36

SYNOD OF IOWA, SOUTH.—*Pby of Iowa City*—Bethel Sab-sch 1 00

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Neosho*—Fort Scott ch 4 45

SYNOD OF LONG ISLAND.—*Pby of Brooklyn*—First ch Reinsen St 52 40; Ainslie St ch 64; 2d ch Brooklyn, mo con 110 71; South Third St ch Williamsburgh 26 60; 1st ch Edgewater, S I 10 40; Genevan ch 27 10; Ger ch Neanders 10, Sab-sch 4, A lady 5 = 19. *Pby of Long Island*—South-old Sab-sch, to sup child in Syria 23. *Pby of Nassau*—Hempstead ch 13 06; Astoria ch 30; Smithtown ch 12; Sweet Hollow Sab-sch 9 35 333 26

SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.—*Pby of Detroit*—Stoney Creek ch 35; Southfield ch 8 36; Wing Lake ch 5 64. *Pby of Grand Rapids*—Mainstee ch 8; Westminster ch Sab-sch, Grand Rapids 31 57. *Pby of Kalamazoo*—Battle Creek ch 46 47. *Pby of Lansing*—Bennington ch 6 50. *Pby of Monroe*—Young Ladies' Sem'y, Monroe 20; Rev The Marsh, for Kolapoor 17 173 54

SYNOD OF MINNESOTA.—*Pby of St Paul*—Westminster ch, Minneapolis 7. *Pby of Winona*—Chatfield ch 21 73, G N Haden 10 = 31 75; 1st ch Preston 4 40; Woodbury ch 6 10 49 25

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Osage*—Rev S G Clark 10. *Pby of Ozark*—First ch Neosho, Mo 6 16 00

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Elizabeth*—Third ch Sab-sch Elizabeth, for Dr McCarter's Asylum 50; Clinton ch Ladies' Sewing Soc'y, to con Rev John Ewing *Life Member* 40; New Providence ch 12; Westfield ch, mo con 70; 1st ch Elizabeth 722 73, W W Woodward, to con Reuben Van Pelt *Life Director* 100 = 822 73. *Pby of Jersey City*—First ch Jersey City 11 14; 1st ch Rutherford Park 40 21; Union Sab-sch, to con Miss Annie Machette *Life Member* 30. *Pby of Monmouth*—Cream Ridge Sab-sch 10; Locust Corner Sab-sch 6 18. *Pby of Morris and Orange*—Central ch, Orange 100; Rockaway ch 87 85, Sab-sch 24 15 = 112; Dover ch, Mine Hill Sab-sch 5 25; 1st ch East Orange 12 97. *Pby of Newark*—Wickliffe ch 11 05; Calvary ch 78 71; 1st ch Newark 61. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Young Ladies' Seminary, Lawrenceville 8; 3d ch Trenton 100; Mt Pleasant Sab-sch 11 28; Lawrenceville High School, mo con 23 63. *Pby of Newton*—Newton ch 66, Washingtonville Sab-sch 10 89 = 76 89; Knowlton ch 17; Hope ch, envelope system, 6 mos 3. *Pby of West Jersey*—First ch Bridgeton, Intermediate Sab-sch 40, Infant sch for Mellvaine's sch, China 12 = 52; 1st ch Vineland 8 25 1,773 19

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Boston*—First ch Newburyport, to con Rev Charles S Durfee *Life Director* 100. *Pby of Hudson*—Florida ch, mo con 6; Bloomington ch, mo con 5; Chester ch 80; Washingtonville ch 34. *Pby of New York*—First ch New York 654 81; Brick ch 89 45; Fourth Ave ch 33 34; University Place ch 35 60; Brick ch Chapel 8 82; Scotch ch, R Carter & Brothers 509. *Pby of North River*—New Hamburg ch 7 56; Kingston ch 70 12; Malden ch 25 52; Calvary ch, Newburg 46 09; 1st ch Poughkeepsie 40 85; Pleasant Valley ch 21 75. *Pby of Westchester*—First ch Peekskill, mo con 26 85 1,784 76

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Sacramento*—Rev C D Roberts 5 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Chester*—First ch West Chester 70 06; Waynesburg Sab-sch 33 33. *Pby of Lackawanna*—Montrose ch 5; Dille Parke 5; Sab-sch Mrs Miller's Class, to sup child at Beirut 15 = 25; Orwell ch 8 10. *Pby of Lehigh*—Upper Mt Bethel Sab-sch 5 35; Portland Sab-sch 75 cts; Lehigh Valley ch 20, Sab-sch 10, A little boy, dec'd 1 88 = 31 88. *Pby of Philadelphia*

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SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Pittsburgh*—Bethel ch 3; Montours ch Sab-sch 10; Mingo ch 29 55; Centre ch 41. *Pby of Redstone*—Little Redstone Sab-sch 12 65; Uniontown ch 146 75; Frame ch, Jacob Deffenburg 10. *Pby of Washington*—East Buffalo Sab-sch 9; 4th ch Sab-sch, Wheeling 27 16; Pigeon Creek ch 49 80, to con Wm Burkle *Life Member* 30 = 79 80 363 91

SYNOD OF TOLEDO.—*Pby of Bellefontaine*—First ch West Liberty 8 92; Wyandot Sab-sch for Navajos 9 20; Ruh-sylvania ch 13 80, Sab-sch 1 85 = 15 65. *Pby of Huron*—Tiffin Sab-sch 2 29, Two little girls 1 = 3 29; 1st ch Sandusky 44 81 06

SYNOD OF UTAH.—*Pby of Ogsego*—Second ch Delhi 30 27; Head of Delaware Sab-sch 20. *Pby of St Lawrence*—Chaumont ch 8 25. *Pby of Utica*—Waterville ch 13 50; Oriskany ch 10 82 02

SYNOD OF WESTERN NEW YORK.—*Pby of Buffalo*—Lancaster Sab-sch, to sup Hulbert Missy's sch, Syria 70; Westminster ch, Buffalo 83 54, George Howard 50, James D Sawyer 100 = 233 54. *Pby of Genesee*—First ch Oakfield 16. *Pby of Niagara*—Niagara Falls ch 39 53. *Pby of Rochester*—Ossian ch 3; Odgen Centre ch 60; Central ch, Rochester 159 17 581 30

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Chippewa*—First ch La Crosse 25 10, Sab-sch 11 = 36 10; North ch, La Crosse 3 90; North Bend Sab-sch 5. *Pby of Winnelago*—Fond du Lac ch 39 75; Oconto ch 16 55. *Pby of Wisconsin River*—Oregon Sab-sch 8 75; Rockville ch 4 50 114 55

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A NEW MOVEMENT

OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Presbyterian Board of Publication has entered upon a system which it is believed will prove helpful and satisfactory to the churches. It is the keeping of a stock of such books, aside from its own publications, as are required for the work of the Church in different departments of labor, devotion, and worship. The classes of books to be comprised in this additional stock are:

1. Bibles, Testaments, and prose and poetical versions of the Psalms of David.
2. Sabbath-school Library Books deemed by the Board suitable for use by our schools.
3. Samples of all Sabbath-school requisites, with a full stock of such as are in demand.
4. Approved Commentaries on the Scriptures.
5. Other books of special interest to the constituency of the Board.

The design is to make the bookstore of the Board a labor-saving institution for our people, and especially for those away from the great centres, where they may procure, with merely the labor of writing an order, what they would otherwise be compelled to find, if at all, only after much search and trouble. Probably the part of this arrangement which will interest the largest number of Presbyterians, is that which refers to the *Sabbath-school Library*. The cry for carefully selected books for the youth and children of our churches resounds on every hand. The outcry against the present modes of selection, and the fruits of those modes, preceding, and stimulating the other cry. That this is a matter of most deep importance all believe and say, but the remedy they do not provide.

Now we believe that the system inaugurated by the Board of Publication will fully meet the difficulties and satisfy the demands of the churches. The Publishing Committee of the Board—that which has the oversight of its literary department—has been ordered to take measures for the formation of an approved list of books suitable for the Sabbath-school Library published

by other houses; these will be kept and furnished to the schools, together with the books of the Board, on liberal terms. The books will be classified under the supervision of the Committee, so that those who order can state in general terms what they want, and a selection be made for them of books of the classes indicated by those ordering, which have been examined and approved by a competent body. Thus, if those charged with the procuring of the library are opposed to *all fiction*, they can order so many dollars worth of *true* books, for scholars of such and such general ages and mental calibre. Another can order a library composed one-half of true books, as biography, missions, didactic books, &c., and one-half of the best narratives, illustrating church history and scripture teachings. If yet another order a library excluding entirely what some would put first, it can be furnished; and all of the books guaranteed to be good of their class.

Under this system no school need have a library unsatisfactory to those controlling the school.

The amount of labor involved in the examination of books issued for the use of Sabbath-schools is immense. It is simply impossible for nine-tenths of our Sabbath-schools to do this for themselves. The Board of Publication proposes to save the time, labor, and money of the schools, by making it a specific work to do this for them.

The plan embraces also the furnishing of ministerial and congregational libraries, matters worthy of far more attention than they now receive from the churches.

NOTES FROM THE FRONTIER.

The Presbytery of Sioux City embraces the *twenty-five* northwestern counties of Iowa. All of these counties have a large population which is constantly increasing. We have *seven* ministers upon this wide field. A colporteur of the Presbyterian Board of Publication is there aiding, as best he can, to supply these wide-spread destitutions. He meets with strange people and strange adventures, as the following extracts from his note-book will show:

“On making inquiry for the best road to ——, I was told to keep south of the railroad, else I could not get through ‘Purgatory’—a terrible slough where I was told more swearing had been done than in all the other sloughs of Iowa put together. I got through ‘Purgatory’ safely without the aid of Bishop or Priest, and without swearing a word.

“Soon after I called at a house where I met rather a rough sort of a chap who asked what kind of books I had. When I told him they were religious books he said,

“D——n your religious books and you too. I don’t wish to look at them. Have you Tom Paine’s ‘Age of Reason?’”

“No, sir, I don’t carry such books as that. But I have some that are more useful, some that tell of a better world to which Tom Paine and other infidels wish to go when they come to die. You, sir, may *live* by your infidelity, but you cannot *die* by it any more than Tom Paine could. Study the Bible and learn what God has done to save you.

"Said he, 'If I had a Bible I would put it in the fire the first thing.'

"I replied that if he didn't repent there was where he would himself be put ere long, and then passed on.

"The next call I made was in what is called a 'dug out.' There I found a family able and willing to read, but with nothing to read. They were without even the New Testament. The woman evidently loved the Saviour. I read a portion of Scripture and then prayed with her. She asked if I could not give her little boy a Testament. I could not resist this appeal and so I gave her my own, the only one I had. That small gift made glad hearts in that 'dug out.' I left with her several tracts. These, '*especially* the doctrinal ones,' I have found very serviceable in the newly settled country through which I have passed.

"My next call was at a small boarded shanty, where I found a woman nearly seven feet tall, the mother of *three* little children, and of almost brutish ignorance. I tried to draw her out on the subject of religion, but that was a subject of which she *knew nothing*. Neither she nor her husband could read. I told her of a Saviour and that, if she loved and trusted Him, He would wash away all her sins and finally save her in heaven. But she seemed to understand nothing.

"That night I found one of the green spots of earth—a Presbyterian family with whom I spent the night. The next morning I met with a prim little lady who had been religiously raised, and was a member of an evangelical church in the East, but who had left her religion behind her if she ever had any. She *says* she keeps the commandments and that is all that is necessary. I said that is very good as far as it goes; but it stops short of the one thing needful. The young ruler had been doing the same thing from his youth up, but Christ said to him, 'One thing thou lackest.' God's word says, 'By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified.' 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.' I gave her the tract 'Jehovah, our Righteousness,' and left her. J. S. L."

TRACT VOLUMES APPRECIATED.

The following is an acknowledgment of a donation of eleven volumes of bound tracts from a minister, a home missionary in Minnesota. Would that our churches, by liberal contributions to our Missionary Fund, would enable us to make these donations, and more liberal ones than this, to all our needy missionaries!

"Your note and the books came yesterday. I am *very* thankful for them, as there is food for me for a long time to come in the books. I sincerely hope they will make me a better *man* and a better *preacher*. Besides, they will enable me to meet many of the errors so prevalent on this frontier. I wish every minister out here could get these books. *I could not* unless you had kindly given them to me. I think the Board has done well to bind its tracts so that they may be kept in a permanent form.

"I was once a colporteur of the Board, and *always* take up a collection for it."

VITALITY OF THE PRINTED TRUTH.

There is something wonderful in the vitality—the power to live and act—of the truth on the printed page. A clergyman from Missouri who, in a ministry of thirty years, has learned what may be done by the distribution of books and tracts, has just given us an illustration of this fact.

About twenty-five years ago, he gave “Universalism False,” one of the publications of the Presbyterian Board, costing thirty cents, to a girl fifteen years of age. She was the daughter of a widow, who with her four children have since united with the Presbyterian Church. The girl married, and now lives in South Western Missouri. During the war their house and farm buildings were destroyed, and the family compelled to leave that part of the country till the war was over. But that book was still preserved though almost everything else was lost. In the early part of last summer the donor of the book, being in that part of the country on a visit, learned that this good lady, on hearing a gentleman, a near neighbor, expressing himself in favor of Universalism, handed him the book, requesting him to read it. He read it, and returned it acknowledging that he was convinced of his error. Religious services were held in the neighborhood, and this gentleman made a profession of religion and united with the church. He is now an elder in the Presbyterian Church, and also superintendent of the Sabbath-school. Thus after twenty-five years, the book that cost but a trifle is made in the good providence of God, to bear an important part in turning a soul from the darkness of sin and error, to the light of life and salvation.

THE BARGEMAN AND HIS WIFE.

“Please, master, have you that little book about the bargeman that talked with a good minister, and that died so happy?” said a man to an agent of the Inland Navigation Mission.

“I have not at present, my friend, but if you will accept this little book, you will find it very interesting.”

“Thank you, master, but I think the tract about the bargeman is next to the Bible, the best book you can give to boat people. I should like to give one to every man on the canal that can read.”

“As you speak so highly of the tract about the bargeman, I hope you have gained some good to your soul by reading it.”

“Ay,” said the boatman’s wife, “we shall have reason to bless God as long as we live for it. At first I did not care to hear it read, but my husband liked it from the hour it was given him; and when I saw him one evening reading it with tears in his eyes, I thought it was a book that would do good. That evening, for the first time since we came out of the church as man and wife, we went down on our knees before our Maker. But we did not know a prayer; we could only cry like children—I am not ashamed to say it—and ask the Almighty to pardon all our sins, and help us to live better lives.

“The next day, and for many days after, my husband read a little more in that beautiful tract, and then one of your people gave us a Bible. I hope we now know how sinners can be saved. We bless God for sending his Son into

the world to die upon the cross for poor sinners; and I trust we have his Holy Spirit. But still," continued the poor boatwoman, "we greatly need instruction, and are thankful when we fall in with any one who will talk to us about the Lord Jesus Christ."—"Where is your home?"—"This boat is our home; but I often say to my husband, after he has read a chapter or two in the Bible, and our hearts are happy because of the goodness of our Saviour, that we can serve God as well, if he give us his blessed Spirit, in this little cabin as we could in a palace."

While conversing with these, I believe, pious boat people, I thought much of the language of the apostle, "The foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. . . . God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are; that no flesh should glory in his presence."

PEACE FOR THE TROUBLED.*

The Rev. Ray Palmer, D.D., of New York writes to the author of this little book for the inquirer.

"I rejoice that the Divine Spirit put it into your heart to write this book. It is a thing that was greatly needed. There was a want of something in a convenient form and directly to the purpose, which a pastor, or any Christian might put into the hands of an awakened person at the critical moment when the thoughts have become occupied with the question, 'Shall I live to the world or to God?' Plain, explicit, earnest counsel, at such a time, is of the greatest value. You have given this clearly, scripturally, and forcibly; and, what is a rare merit, concisely, too. I cannot but believe that it will appear at the last that many, by your words, have been led to the Saviour's feet. You seem to me to have dealt thoroughly and faithfully with the inquiring soul, and not in the superficial way which I fear has become more common than it used to be. If pastors would place these explicit instructions in the hands of those who are in some degree thoughtful in their congregations, I am persuaded there would be fewer unfruitful members in their churches. I trust that the book will be very widely circulated, and that long after you, my dear brother, are dead, you may speak by it effectually to troubled hearts. May God so give you a place among those who, having turned many to righteousness, shall be as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars for ever and ever."

* Published by the Board; in muslin binding 25 cts. In paper 15 cts.

NEW BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS.

The Board of Publication continues to add to its Library for young readers books as cheap as they are good.

Its latest issues in this department are the following, which, it will be noticed, are illustrated each by *twelve finely engraved and printed wood-cuts.*

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WHAT IT COSTS TO BUILD A SANCTUARY IN THE WEST.

While in this section of our country—especially in our large towns and cities, it requires an expenditure of from \$50,000 to \$150,000 to secure an eligible lot and erect thereon a church building adequate to the wants of the people; in most of our new towns and settlements in the West, a lot may be had as a gift, and a building costing from \$1500 to \$5000 will satisfy the present necessities of the infant church, affording accommodation for from 200 to 400 worshippers. The donation of \$500 (on an average) from the Board, together with what can, with great self-denial, be raised on the ground, in most instances, is sufficient to complete the undertaking. In these communities, the denomination that commences to build *first*, secures all the money that can be raised on the ground. Hence the disadvantage of delay. We not only lose the *outside* aid which might have been secured, had we moved first, but we also lose what our own people have subscribed for the erection of the first church (Methodist perhaps), which leaves them, by so much less, able to build a house for themselves. The true policy is, “to strike for the first church building.”

THE VALUE OF THESE BUILDINGS WHEN ERECTED.

A good brother, one of our oldest missionaries in Wisconsin, says on this subject :

“A church, without a house of worship, is a flock without a fold. This is hard upon the flock—it is hard upon the shepherd. The sheep that are not *decidedly* attached to such a flock, will leave it and go to those who are comfortably folded. The shepherd is disappointed, grows weary and discouraged, perhaps leaves the field, and the flock become scattered.

“Such was the condition of the little church at B. five years ago, when I came. It was a flock—feeble, poor, and *without a fold*. But through the aid of your Board, seconding and encouraging its own persevering efforts, it has now a beautiful house, all *complete* and *paid for*. Its history is the history of hundreds of other churches in the West—a long and weary struggle for existence, while houseless; victory at last, through the aid of your Board. I came within the bounds of (what afterwards became) the Synod of St. Paul more than fourteen years ago. *Then*, there was but *one* house of worship belonging to our church in all the territory of Minnesota and West Wisconsin. *Now*, we have nearly 100 church buildings, erected at a cost of from \$2000 to \$15,000 each; and *very few* of these could have been built without aid. They are *nearly* all the result of efforts put forth, by one or other of the two Boards of Church Erection, and in my recollection there is *not a single instance of a church dying out, for which a house of worship had been provided*. In some instances two churches have united and sold one of their buildings, and a few of the N. S. churches have gone over to the Congregationalists and taken their buildings with them. One church has for a long time been without pastor or supply, and but for their buildings, the flock would long ago have been driven to the winds, but there it stands as a watchman upon the shore of Lake Superior—still a Presbyterian Church, awaiting the coming shepherd.

“The work of Church Erection in this region has been a grand one for the cause of Christ. If (as is often said) the Board of Home Missions is the *right* arm of the

Church, surely that of Church Erection is the *left* arm. Let us hold up *both*." No man can work well with one arm.

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<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Georgetown ch	600 00	<i>Pby of Shenango</i> —Pulaski ch	15 00
<i>Pby of Franklin</i> —Berlin 1st ch	22 10	<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Scotch Ridge ch	126 44
<i>Pby of Grand River</i> —Rome ch	406 50	<i>Pby of Troy</i> —Olivet ch, Lausingburg 25; Water-	12 30
<i>Pby of Genesee Valley</i> —Cuba ch	2 00	ford ch 30 55	5 44
<i>Pby of Geneva</i> —Phelps ch	10 00	<i>Pby of Utica</i> —Oriskany ch 10; Camden 1st ch	35 00
<i>Pby of Harrisburg</i> —Williamsport 2d ch 100; Har-	2 00	25	15 40
risburg 1st Sab-sel, Memorial offering 500	28 00	<i>Pby of Winona</i> —Rushford ch 2; Preston 1st ch	5 28
	22 10	13 40	126 44
<i>Pby of Jersey City</i> —Norwood ch	406 50	<i>Pby of Washington City</i> —New York Avenue ch,	12 30
<i>Pby of Kittanning</i> —Kittanning 1st ch 400; A	2 00	Washington	5 44
friend, Rayne ch 6 50	10 00	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Greenwich ch 36 44; Bridge-	43 00
<i>Pby of Knox</i> —Atlanta, Ga	5 59	ton 1st ch 90	15 00
<i>Pby of Lehigh</i> —Summit Hill ch	21 44	<i>Pby of Washenaw</i> —Saline ch	5 44
<i>Pby of Lackawanna</i> —Warrenham ch 3; Orwell	5 09	<i>Pby of West Chester</i> —Patterson ch	28 00
ch 50	4 30	<i>Pby of Westminster</i> —Hopewell Centre and Stew-	15 00
<i>Pby of Milwaukie</i> —Janesville ch	13 48	arstown ch	
<i>Pby of Monroe</i> —Constantine ch	28 00	<i>Pby of Zanesville</i> —Muskingum ch	\$6,048 83
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Clarinda ch	52 53		
<i>Pby of Mahoning</i> —Newton ch	145 77	MISCELLANEOUS.	
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Blairstown ch 21; Knowlton ch,	2,260 08; New York West ch, in part 347 21	Interest on bond and mortgage 105; Legacy Jas	
Envelope system 6 mos 7	2,607 29	Byrne, Perryville, Ohio 5; Rev Henry S Butler	
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —South ch, Greenburgh 52 53	6 00	and wife, Clearfield, Pa 5; Wm M Raymond 20	
<i>Pby of New York 3d</i> —New York, Fourteenth St	5 50	135 00	
ch		Total for December,	\$6,183 83
<i>Pby of New York 4th</i> —Madison Square ch, in part		NATHAN LANE, Treasurer.	

RELIEF FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS, AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

REV. GEORGE HALE, D.D., *Secretary.*

REV. CHARLES BROWN, *Treasurer.*

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CONTRIBUTIONS IN DECEMBER, AND THE BALANCE FROM NOVEMBER.

CALIFORNIA.		MICHIGAN.	
Healdsburg Pres ch,	\$8 00	Grand Haven 1st Pres ch,	\$21 80
COLORADO.		Pewamo Pres ch,	3 00
Denver 1st Pres ch,	\$17 65	Wyandotte Pres ch,	5 00
DELAWARE.		Blissfield Pres ch,	5 35
Wilmington Central Pres ch,	\$67 10	MINNESOTA.	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.		Freemont Pres ch,	\$4 00
Washington 4th Pres ch,	\$103 51	Preston 1st Pres ch,	5 51
Washington, Com R A Stribling, New York Ave ch	100 00	Money Creek. Harvey Leete and wife,	5 09
Washington, a member of New York Ave ch	4 64	Lake City Pres ch,	4 70
Washington, North Pres ch,	23 00	NEBRASKA.	
ILLINOIS.		Plattsmouth Pres ch,	\$9 60
Morris 1st Pres ch,	\$12 60	NEW JERSEY.	
Greenville Pres ch,	15 00	Newark Park Pres ch,	\$43 47
Marengo Pres ch,	6 60	Columbus Pres ch,	7 00
Springfield 1st Pres ch,	59 03	Newark, Roseville Pres ch,	44 43
Hamlet Pres ch,	16 00	Clinton Pres ch,	33 65
Oscoe Pres ch,	3 30	Leeds Point Pres ch,	1 00
Decatur Pres ch,	33 22	Atlantic City Pres ch,	1 41
Willow Creek Pres ch,	20 21	Bridgeton 1st Pres ch,	175 00
INDIANA.		Newark 2d Pres ch,	80 00
Vincennes 2d Pres ch,	\$12 65	Succasunna Pres ch,	16 34
Upper Indiana Pres ch,	7 00	Ateo Pres ch,	3 80
Bruceville Pres ch,	2 75	Berlin Pres ch,	2 70
Princeton Pres ch,	8 75	Waterford Pres ch,	1 75
New Albany 1st Pres ch,	101 00	Pluckamin Pres ch,	20 00
New Albany 2d Pres ch,	74 20	Roselle 1st Pres ch,	16 00
Frankford Pres ch,	20 00	Mansfield Pres ch,	4 00
Lexington Pres ch,	5 25	Lawrenceville Pres ch,	96 25
Fort Wayne 1st Pres ch, in part,	126 50	Rutherford Park Pres ch,	16 70
Bloomington Walnut St Pres ch,	29 50	Plainfield 1st Pres ch,	18 00
Evansville Pres ch,	27 15	Knowlton ch, envelope system, 6 months,	7 00
Fort Wayne 3d Pres ch,	9 83	NEW YORK.	
Charlestown Pres ch,	8 50	Callicoon Pres ch,	\$6 00
Pleasant Ridge Pres ch,	5 00	Shippery Rock Sabbath-school,	7 78
New Lancaster Pres ch,	2 00	Ossian Pres ch,	5 00
IOWA.		Buffalo, Calvary Pres ch,	77 00
Fairview Pres ch,	\$4 25	New York City, Harlem Pres ch,	33 25
Iowa City 1st Pres ch,	25 00	Southampton Pres ch,	20 64
Belleview Pres ch,	5 25	New York City, Phillip Pres ch,	1 00
Indianola 1st Pres ch,	5 10	Greenbush 1st Pres ch,	18 35
KANSAS.		Holley Pres ch,	7 00
Holton 1st Pres ch,	\$1 35	New York City, University Place ch,	1715 45
Neosha Falls Pres ch,	4 00	New York, Lancaster Pres ch,	34 00
Carlyle Pres ch,	4 25	Corfu Pres ch,	5 00
Ottawa 1st Pres ch,	9 05	Lakeville Pres ch,	14 43
Fort Scott Pres ch,	2 73	Ausable Fork Pres ch,	9 15
KENTUCKY.		Greenbush Pres ch,	10 00
Lexington 2d Pres ch,	\$118 75	Buffalo, Westminster Pres ch,	20 69
Louisville Walnut St Pres ch,	25 00	Augusta 1st Pres ch,	15 06
Maysville Pres ch,	20 00	Fayetteville Pres ch,	10 00
Flemingsburg Pres ch,	12 00	Nineveh Pres ch,	13 50
Maysville Pres ch, additional,	1 00	Brooklyn, Lafayette Ave Pres ch,	82 78
LOUISIANA.		Croton Falls Pres ch,	9 80
New Orleans, "Dee,"	\$5 00	New York City, Fourth Ave Pres ch,	125 21
MARYLAND.		Goshen Pres ch,	45 55
New Windsor Pres ch,	\$3 36	Patterson Pres ch,	10 23
West Nottingham Pres ch,	32 00	West Farms Pres ch,	33 50
Annapolis Pres ch,	21 00	Smithtown Pres ch,	5 00
Baltimore Central Pres ch,	28 57	Huntington 2d Pres ch,	20 00
Baltimore, "F J M," for aged minister,	2 00	Bergen 1st Pres ch,	93 77
Harmony Pres ch,	14 20	OHIO.	
Frederick Pres ch,	15 00	Martinsburgh and Mt Pleasant,	\$6 00
MASSACHUSETTS.		Glendale Pres ch,	72 15
Newburyport Pres ch,	\$20 84	Middletown Pres ch,	11 57
		South Salem Pres ch,	8 70
		Reading Pres ch,	9 00
		Rushsylvania Pres ch,	9 65
		Montgomery Pres ch,	7 50
		Deerfield Pres ch,	20 00
		Holmesville Pres ch,	5 00
		Truro Pres ch,	3 50
		Short Creek Pres ch,	8 50

New Athens Pres ch.	8 50	Newton, Hamilton Pres ch,	22 50
Wheeling Valley Pres ch,	5 00	Fairfield Pres ch,	7 00
Steuensville 2d Pres ch,	34 00	Pittsburgh, Legacy of W McClintock 500, less U	445 00
Orange Pres ch,	6 65	S tax 30, State tax 25 =	5 00
Steuensville 1st Pres ch,	26 00	Elkton Pres ch,	14 75
Perrysville Pres ch,	12 00	East Buffalo Pres ch,	7 00
Clearfork Pres ch,	5 00	Concord Pres ch,	7 00
From J Byer's legacy,	5 00	Callensburg Pres ch,	200 79
Two Ridges Pres ch,	38 65	Pittsburgh 3d Pres ch,	5 00
Vienna Pres ch,	8 25	Berwick Pres ch,	5 00
Nottingham Pres ch,	31 00	Briar Creek Pres ch,	20 00
Beallsville Pres ch,	9 00	Edenboro' Pres ch,	21 00
Powhattan Pres ch,	6 00	Coatesville Pres ch,	6 60
PENNSYLVANIA.		Zelienople Pres ch,	5 00
Faggs Manor Pres ch.	\$29 80	Monroeton, Rev Edwin Bronson,	150 50
Philadelphia, Spring Garden Pres ch	108 50	Contributions to pay mortgage on homestead of	15 75
Sunbury Pres ch,	46 00	an aged minister,	14 25
Oxford Pres ch,	44 55	Harrisville Pres ch,	16 75
Philadelphia, Walnut St Pres ch,	154 73	Amity Pres ch,	23 00
Sewickley Pres ch,	60 00	Tarentum Pres ch,	5 00
Sewickley Pres ch,	4 70	Center Pres ch,	7 00
Sharon Pres ch,	14 10	Millersburg Pres ch,	3 00
Wellsville 1st Pres ch,	13 00	New Providence Pres ch,	20 00
Highland Pres ch,	14 06	Greensboro' Pres ch,	6 75
Wilkinsburg Pres ch,	17 40	Franklin Pres ch, additional,	6 00
Minerva Pres ch,	4 21	Oakdale Pres ch	12 25
George's Creek Pres ch,	11 00	Perry Pres ch,	2 00
Sandy Lake Pres ch,	2 00	Rural Valley Pres ch,	18 25
Concord Pres ch,	22 00	Maple Creek Pres ch,	6 00
North Butler Pres ch,	5 00	Lawrenceville Pres ch,	153 50
Freedom Pres ch,	5 90	Pine Creek Pres ch,	14 00
Forest Grove Pres ch,	2 00	Manchester Pres ch,	8 00
Little Beaver Pres ch,	5 50	East Liberty Pres ch,	8 55
Westfield Pres ch,	2 00	Waynesburgh Pres ch,	7 00
Cross Roads Pres ch,	20 00	Sunberry Pres ch,	13 62
Raccoon Pres ch,	23 60	Pleasant Valley Pres ch,	93 75
Elderton Pres ch,	5 62	Cross Roads Pres ch,	40 00
Miller's Run Pres ch,	18 25	Hazlewood Pres ch,	5 00
Mt Pisgah Pres ch,	10 00	Interest on Permanent Loan,	250 00
Black Lick Pres ch,	5 00	Newberry Pres ch,	256 96
Round Hill Pres ch,	10 00	Philadelphia, Miss C H, of 7th Pres ch,	20 00
Franklin Pres ch,	50 00	Philadelphia, Gustavus S Benson, of West Spruce	173 33
Beech Spring Pres ch,	16 00	St, Pres ch,	31 30
Columbus City Pres ch,	7 50	Chambersburg, Miss Sarah Wilson,	114 75
Leeburg Pres ch,	20 00	Philadelphia, Calvary Pres ch,	2 50
Harmony Pres ch,	18 00	Summit Hill from "P,"	344 30
Corinth Pres ch,	14 00	Harrisburg Pres ch,	25 00
New Salem Pres ch,	12 00	Holidaysburg Pres ch,	300 00
New Salem Pres ch,	22 00	Huntingdon Pres ch,	3 00
Leatherwood Pres ch,	10 00	Broomall, Mrs B B Hotchkln,	20 56
New Brighton Pres ch,	18 50	Kittanning 1st Pres ch,	128 20
Rehoboth Pres ch,	29 55	Special contributions for an aged clergyman	43 05
Sharon Pres ch, additional,	8 41	Portersville Pres ch,	344 30
West Liberty Pres ch,	9 13	Catasauqua 1st Pres ch, in part,	25 00
Jackson Pres ch,	21 10	Chambersburg, Falling Spring Pres ch,	43 05
Congress Pres ch,	7 40	West Chester 1st Pres ch,	344 30
Chester Pres ch,	4 00	Philadelphia, West Spruce St Pres ch,	25 00
Wayne Pres ch,	10 00	Philadelphia, Chas H Grant, Esq, West Spruce St	220 00
Ligonier Pres ch, Memorial Fund,	17 25	Pres ch	3 00
Pleasant Grove, Memorial Fund,	17 03	Hopewell, Centre, and Stewartstown Pres ch	2 00
Laurel Hill Pres ch,	27 03	Orwell Pres ch,	7 00
Wellsburgh Pres ch,	10 00	Mt Washington Pres ch,	2 60
Unity Pres ch,	30 00	Industry Pres ch,	18 25
Scrub Grass Pres ch,	23 00	Beaver Pres ch,	31 45
Interest on Permanent Fund,	712 50	Bridgewater Pres ch,	40 75
Philadelphia, Rev J W Dulles 10, Mrs Dulles 5	15 00	Lebanon Pres ch,	4 07
Southwark Pres ch,	13 00	Pulaski Pres ch,	14 00
Mt Pleasant Pres ch,	29 51	Bethlehem Pres ch,	3 50
Pleasant Unity Pres ch,	7 00	North Butler Pres ch,	2 86
New Berlin 1st Pres ch,	5 70	Scotch Ridge Pres ch,	10 00
Upper Tuscarora Pres ch,	22 95	Georgetown Pres ch,	4 50
Tyrone Pres ch,	21 00	James W Sutton,	10 92
Cochranon Pres ch,	9 00	Mount Carmel Pres ch,	6 71
Milledgeville Pres ch,	6 00	North Branch Pres ch,	26 25
Philadelphia, Northern Liberties 1st Pres ch	43 28	Ladies of Centre Pres ch,	
Philadelphia, Princeton Pres ch,	135 61	VIRGINIA.	
Freeport Pres ch,	26 30	Staunton, from "M S P,"	\$10 00
Little Valley Pres ch,	22 00	WISCONSIN.	
Alexandria Pres ch,	28 50	Beloit 1st Pres ch,	\$20 00
Canonsburgh Pres ch,	27 00	Manitowoc 1st Pres ch,	4 20
Neshaminy Pres ch,	19 40	Janesville 1st Pres ch,	21 43
Saxton and Yellow Creek Pres ch,	20 00	Total,	
Philadelphia, Bethesda Pres ch,	30 00	\$10,832 44	
Monroeton Pres ch,	4 00	CHARLES BROWN, Treasurer,	
Gettysburg Pres ch,	13 17	Office, No. 1334 Chestnut Street, Phila.	
Waynesburgh Pres ch,	37 00		

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GIVE AND PRAY.—The present is the season when our corps of laborers—preachers, catechists, and teachers—is fullest, and while we would trust that none will forget to *give* for their support, let none fail to offer earnest *prayer* for God's blessing upon their work.

DONATIONS AT PITTSBURGH FOR COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN IN DECEMBER, 1870.

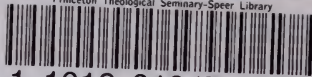
Poland ch, Presby of Mahoning	\$30 00	Cumberland ch, Brownstown, Ill	4 00
Ogden ch, New York	15 70	Ch of Ossian, N Y	5 00
A Friend in Virginia	27 00	Centre ch, Presby of Pittsburgh	20 00
Bethel ch, Presby of Pittsburgh	45 00	Brick ch, Presby of New York	559 93
Shreve ch, Presby of Wooster	5 00	Westminster ch, Presby of Elizabethtown	100 00
Richard Edwards, executor of estate of the late Matilda Markham, a member of 3d ch Pittsburgh, through her brother Jesse Markham	1711 13	Schenectady ch, Presby of Albany	60 38
Rockville ch, Indiana	10 62	First ch, Quincy, Ill	41 00
First Congregational ch of Guilford, N Y	13 00	Hazelwood ch, Presby of Pittsburgh	18 56
A Hale, Esq., executor of estate of Mr Lyman, Illinois, for support of Rev A C Elder	500 00	Southfield ch, Presby of Detroit	6 92
Montours ch, Presby of Pittsburgh	18 50	Wing Lake ch, Presby of Detroit	5 56
Ch of Covenant, ad'f. Presby of New York	2 00	Monroctown ch, Pres-by of Lackawanna	2 60
Ch at Rockport, Presby of Rochester	31 16	Sab-sch Slippery Rock, Presby of Shenango	92
Sab-sch of Summerville, Pa	3 00	Catasauqua ch, per Rev C Earle	44 82
First ch Mt Sterling, Ill	9 55	Little Beaver ch, Presby of Shenango	11 34
First ch Columbus, Ohio	53 89	Rayne ch, Presby of Kittanning	6 50
H S B and Wife, Clearfield, Pa	5 00	Sab-sch of Shady Side ch, Presby of Pittsburgh	100 00
H S B and Wife, Clearfield, Pa, (Biddle Institute)	5 00	Paxton ch, Presby of Bloomington	6 00
First, Second and Third chs, of Springfield, Ill	33 23	Sab-sch children of 1st ch, Morristown, N J, for mission work in Georgia	25 00
Lawrenceville ch, Presby of Pittsburgh	28 00	New Providence ch, Presby of Redstone	10 00
Plum Creek ch, Presby of Blairsville	30 00	Corry ch, Presby of Erie	17 00
Blairsville ch, Presby of Blairsville	62 55	Rev B Condit, Terre Haute, Ind	100 00
Mrs K R Wilson, Chillicothe, O	100 00	Union City ch, Pres of Muncie	12 00
Ch of Kingsboro', Presby of Albany	24 35	Columbus ch, Wis, Presby of Columbus	10 00
Fairview ch, Presby of Washington	5 25	Friendsville ch, Presby of Saline	8 00
Rev S W Pratt, Hammononton, N J	2 00	Unadilla ch, Presby of Washtenaw	5 00
Ch of Campbelltown, N Y	13 50	Knightstown ch, Presby of White Water	10 00
First ch, Cleveland, Ohio	112 50	New Salem ch, Presby of Blairsville	35 00
North ch, Cleveland, Ohio	9 75	Walnut St ch, Presby of Indianapolis	22 00
Central ch, Downingtown, Chester Co	10 43	First ch, Greenbush, N Y, Presby of Albany	17 50
Forks of Wheeling ch, Presby of Washington	86 00	Blairstown ch, Presby of Newton	22 00
H N Payne, Cincinnati, Ohio	5 00	Bethesda ch, Presby of Steubenville	5 00
Ch of University Place, New York, for support of teacher in S C	453 72	York ch, Presby of Marion	5 20
First ch, Philadelphia, Pa	235 02	First ch, Thompsonville, Conn, Presby of West Chester	25 00
Churches of Lena, Ill	4 00	Mechanicsville ch, Presby of Iowa City	11 43
Richmond ch, Presby of Steubenville	6 00	Ch of Monroeville, Ohio	9 00
Westminster, St Jo, Mo	20 00	Irish Grove ch, Presby of Illinois	5 20
First ch, Portsmouth, Ohio	132 00	Middletown ch, Presby of Carlisle	20 35
Sab-sch of 1st ch, Portsmouth, O, support of teacher	100 00	Pleasant Township ch, Presby of New Albany	6 00
A H Hoyt, Salina, N Y	2 00	Harrisville ch, Presby of Butler	13 00
C Hoyt, Salina, N Y	5 00	Amity ch, Presby of Butler	11 75
A R Clark, Huntington, O	5 00	Ch of Linn and Hebron, Presby of Chicago	10 75
Cazenovia ch, Presby of Onondaga	10 00	First ch, Council Bluffs, Presby of Iowa	29 50
Mattituck ch, Presby of Long Island	10 00	Mrs Mary Foster, Greensburg, Pa	2 00
S W Brewster, Hannibal, N Y	25 00	First ch, Honesdale, Pa	100 00
Ch of the Covenant, New York	10 60	Ch of Lawrence, Presby of Galena and Belvidere	2 00
Rev John McCutcheon, Presby of Huron	6 70	Blendon ch, Presby of Columbus	5 00
Rev John McCutcheon for Biddle Institute	5 00	First ch, Sidney, Ohio	14 00
Mrs Mary McCutcheon for Biddle Institute	5 00	Lancaster ch, Presby of Buffalo	15 00
Baskingridge ch, Presby of Elizabethtown	35 00	Chili ch, Presby of Schuyler	4 01
First ch, Albany, N Y	84 00	Second ch, Altoona, Pa	58 00
Houston and Thompson St ch, New York	4 00	Central College ch, Presby of Franklin	3 00
Bethlehem ch, Presby of North River	18 00	Girard ch, Presby of Erie	24 29
State St ch, Presby of Albany	140 00	Libertyville ch, Presby of Iowa	5 40
Miss E Hamilton, 10th ch, Philadelphia, for Scotia Seminary, Concord, N C	10 00	Canon ch, Presby of Peoria	10 75
		Ch of Pataskala, Ohio, Presby of Pataskala	10 00
		Cooperstown ch, N Y, Presby of Albany	51 00
		Congruity ch, Presby of Blairsville	15 00
		Wm Matthews, Presby of New York	25 00
		J B Sheffield, Saugerties, N Y	100 00
		Seneca Castle ch, Presby of Geneva	22 67

Geneva ch, Presby of Geneva	2 00	Park ch, Syracuse, N Y	48 50
Hamilton ch, Presby of Oswego	10 00	Ch in Bath, N Y, Presby of Steuben	21 50
Roseville ch, Presby of Newark	47 40	Westminster ch, Utica, N Y	20 55
Ripley ch, Presby of Ripley,	50 00	First ch, Amwell, N J	11 00
Brick ch, add'l, Presby of New York	30 00	Yates City, Presby of Peoria	12 00
Bellfield ch, Presby of Pittsburgh, for Biddle In-		Brick ch chapel, Presby of New York	13 18
stitute	229 81	Joliet ch, Presby of Chicago	6 00
Siloam ch, colored, Presby of Passaic	2 50	Ithaca ch, Presby of Ithaca, to sup teacher	100 00
North Henderson ch, Presby of Warren	7 50	Stanhope ch, Presby of Rockaway	1 00
Calvary ch, Presby of Auburn	5 34	Muscateine German ch, Presby of Cedar	2 00
First ch, Westfield, N Y	64 63	Painted Post ch, Presby of Steuben	7 00
Westminster ch, Rochester, N Y	9 50	Savannah ch, Presby of Lyons	1 75
The Pres and Congregational ch, of Vienna,		Coventry Congregational ch, Pby of Wellsboro'	28 40
Presby of Mahoning	12 10		
Milesburg ch, Presby of Huntington	8 75	Rev J M Huntington, Presby of Nassau	2 50
Clinton ch, Presby of Elizabethtown	13 40	Clarion ch, Presby of Clarion	10 69
Muskingum ch, Presby of Zanesville	5 00	New Rehoboth ch, Presby of Clarion	8 64
Ch of West Union, Ohio, Presby of Portsmouth		Lebanon ch, Presby of Cincinnati	21 00
	10 00	Richview ch, Presby of Chicago	12 00
Camp Creek ch, Presby of Schuyler	16 00	First ch, Neosho Falls, Presby of Kansas	2 00
Central ch, St Paul, Minn	23 16	Memorial offering from Miss Agnes Crain, of Har-	
Emmitsburg ch, Presby of Baltimore	20 00	risburg, Pa, for Biddle Institute	50 00
Ch of Atlanta, Ill, Presby of Bloomington	3 00	Stone Bank ch, Wis	2 00
A Chapman, Aquina, Ind	5 00	Ch of Martinsburg, Ohio	12 00
Ch of Perrysburg, Presby of Muncie, for Biddle		Annie McCandless, Wadesburg, Mo	2 00
Institute	5 25	Ch of La Grange, Ind	9 50
First ch, Hartford, Conn, Presby of West Chester			
	57 01		\$9,143 44
Evansville ch, Evansville, Ind	22 40		
St Peters ch, Rochester, N Y	40 00	<i>Money received and expended in the Field.</i>	
Westminster ch, Rockford, Ill	32 60	<i>Pby of Atlantic</i> —Charleston sch 26 60; Knox	
Ch of Delta, Ohio, Presby of Maumee	7 00	Plantation sch 5 55; Edisto ch 13; St Andrews	
West Bethesda ch, Presby of Maumee	15 00	ch 5; Salem ch 6; St Paul 7	63 15
Rev G M Miller and family, for Biddle Institute		<i>Pby of Catawba</i> —Charlotte ch and sch 28 03; Mt	
	10 00	Olives ch 1 80; Love's chapel 1 20; Ben Salem	
Terry ch, Bradford Co, Pa	7 00	ch 6 25; McClintock ch 10	47 28
Edinboro' ch, Presby of Erie	20 00	<i>Pby of Holston</i> —Greeneville sch 8 90; Morris-	
Paranassus ch, Presby of Blairsville	22 00	town sch 13	21 90
Jas U Sutton, Plumville, Pa	6 50	<i>Pby of Knox</i> —Atlanta ch and sch 56 20; Dalton	
Neoga ch, Presby of Mattoon	11 35	ch and sch 32; Chattanooga ch 27; Macon ch	
North ch, Allegheny, Presby of Allegheny	181 45	132 50; Williams sch 14	261 70
Minersville ch, Presby of Pittsburgh	15 32	<i>Pby of Nashville</i> —Columbia sch	14 15
Fairmount ch, Presby of Allegheny	8 00	<i>Pby of Yadkin</i> —Greensboro' ch and sch 16 50;	
Leetsdale ch, Presby of Allegheny	22 45	Lexington ch and sch 13 50; Salisbury ch and	
Waddington ch, Presby of St Lawrence	15 00	sch 8 20; Mebanesville ch 8; Oakland ch 2 60;	
Snow Shooe ch, Presby of Huntington	5 75	Gold Hill ch 2 50; Lincoln Road ch 1; States-	
Moshannon ch, Presby of Huntington	1 85	ville ch 40 cts	52 70
Petroleum Centre ch, Presby of Erie	10 00	<i>No Presbyterian Connection.</i> —	
Wilkesbarre ch, Presby of Lackawanna	155 00	Russell Grove, Va, sch	2 00
Fredericksburg ch, Presby of Wooster	65 00		
Wooster ch, Presby of Wooster	35 34		\$462 88
A mite	50		
Second ch, Steubenville, Ohio	50 00		
Buffalo ch, Presby of Butler	8 00	JAMES ALLISON, Treasurer,	
Westminster ch, Presby of Butler	8 00	Lock Box 43, Pittsburgh, Pa.	
Geo Burlingame, Marietta, Ohio	5 00		
A friend in Butler Co, Iowa	3 00		
Ch of Bordentown, Presby of Monmouth	5 55	The Committee acknowledge the following	
Seventh St ch, Harrisburgh, Pa	20 00	donations:	
Pine St ch, Harrisburgh, Pa	105 00	Special for BIDDLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, acknow-	
Fifth ch, Mission, Indianapolis, Ind	10 00	ledged by Rev. S. Mattoon, D.D., Pres., from	
Second ch, Carlisle, Presby of Carlisle	16 81	Pres ch, Titusville, Pa	\$75 20
Spruce Creek ch, Presby of Huntingdon	100 00	Pres ch, Pleasantville, Pa	55 00
School at Louisburg, N C, Presby of Yadkin	3 00	Pres ch, Tideoute, Pa, Memorial	34 30
Oakland, N Y	5 00	Wm G Foresman, Tideoute, Pa, Memorial	100 00
Virginia ch, Presby of Springfield	8 00	John Leisenring, Mauch Chunk, Pa, Memorial	150 00
Ch of Marshalltown, Iowa	12 50	Mrs A C Holmes, Greenwich, N Y	10 00
J H Woodruff, Davenport, Iowa	5 00	Miss Elsie McDowell, Cambridge, N Y	1 00
Ch of Elmira, Presby of Cheimung	45 00		\$425 50
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